

## **Colossians 3:15-17**

### **Two Commands**

#### **Introduction:**

In this context there are two specific commands that must be adhered to:

1. The peace of Christ must rule in our hearts continually.
2. The Word of Christ must rule in our hearts continually.

There are no other options for spiritual growth and holiness in the Christians life. Obeying these two commands will produce growth and maturity. Disobedience will only result in stagnation, a sluggish and dull Christian.

#### **I. The Peace of Jesus – v. 15**

##### **A. Not the peace of the world**

1. A peace we enjoy because we are no longer at enmity with God – Rom. 5:10
2. A peace that came to us by justification by faith – Rom. 5:1
3. A peace that unites both Jews and Gentiles – Eph. 2:13,14

##### **B. The peace of Christ is necessary so we will not be anxious – Phil. 4:6,7**

1. Jesus rules in peace – (Gk. brabeuo) “to umpire or judge”
2. Jesus rules in our decision we make

#### **II. The Word of Jesus**

##### **A. The revelation of Christ our rich blessing**

1. Not only red letter edition of the Bible but the black letters. Gal. 1:11,12
2. The Old Testament Psalms in particular (The psalms of David)Luke 24:44; Psa. 119:11

##### **B. Teaching and Admonishing – v.16**

1. Nouthetic counseling (Jay Adams)
2. Admonishment is not to be used for shaming – I Cor. 4:14
3. The sin of laziness – I Thess. 5:14; 4:11-12; II Thess. 3:6-12

##### **C. Psalms for worship**

1. Not three different entities
2. Not modern songs or hymns
3. Three nouns that are synonyms – (John Gill comment)
4. The conjunction “and” (kai) “same as” Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14
5. “Spiritual” modifies all three nouns, so that the songs are inspired.
6. The Septuagint (Hebrew Bible translated into Greek) (“The Songs of Zion” by Michael Bushell). (Summarize by Murray and Young).

#### **III. The Name of Jesus – v. 17**

##### **A. The Christian’s motivation**

1. We represent Christ – I Cor. 10:31
2. We serve Christ with thanksgiving
3. We are being conformed to the image of Christ – Rom. 8:29. 13:14