EXPLORING COLOSSIANS

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THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANS (Colossians 3:1 – 4:6)

**Col 3:18-21** *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is not respect of persons.*

I. THE STATEMENT OF WHAT IS EXPECTED (3:1-4)

II. THE STEPS TO WHAT IS EXPECTED (3:5 – 4:6)

 A. Our Personal Life (3:5-14)

 B. In Our Church Life (3:15-17)

 C. In Our Domestic Life (3:18-21)

 1. Our role as partners (3:18-19)

 a. God’s order in the home (3:18)

 b. God’s orders to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:19)

*Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them*.

 2. Our role as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:20-21)

 a. The principle of parental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:20)

*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord*.

 b. The principle of parental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:21)

*Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged*.

 D. In Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Life (3:22-4:1)

 1. Christians and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:22-25)

 a. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their service (3:22a)

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh.

 b. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their service (3:22b-23)

*Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men*.

 c. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their service (3:24-25)

*Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons*.

 1) Paul lifts the whole idea of service on an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plane.

 2) Paul lifts the whole idea of service to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plane.

 3) Paul lifts the whole idea of service to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plane.