

LIVING THE RESURRECTED LIFE: PART 2

INTRODUCTION

How would you expect to find your house if you had to abandon it for many years?

In **Colossians 3:12-17**, we find 4 **characteristics** of the life that Christ gave us by His resurrection. We are going to focus on the last two of those today.

1. A Life That Is Molded after Christ's Pattern (12-14)
2. A Life That Is Ruled by Christ's Peace (15)
3. **A Life That Is Inhabited by Christ's Word (16)**
4. **A Life That Is Focused on Christ's Worth (17)**

A LIFE THAT IS INHABITED BY CHRIST'S WORD (16)

The meaning of “word of Christ”: the teaching **of** Christ or the teaching **about** Christ?

Notice Paul's OT connections

Notice Paul's polemic against the false teachers

The word of Christ must dwell in us intensely

“richly”

Spurgeon: “Visit many good books, but live in the Bible”.

The word of Christ must dwell in us collectively

“teaching and admonishing”

Mutuality: “one another”

Practicality: “with all wisdom”

“singing...to God”

Content: “psalms, hymns, spiritual song”

Motivation: “with thankfulness”

A LIFE THAT IS FOCUSED ON CHRIST’S WORTH (17)

The meaning of “in the name of the Lord Jesus”

consistency with His character and His will

concern for His reputation and His honor

The motivation for the resurrected life: “giving thanks through Him to God the Father”

CONCLUSION

Romans 13:14

Being a Christian is not about external appearances. It is about the life we live and the message we communicate with our mouth and our actions.