

ADVICE FOR DOMESTIC LIFE (Colossians 3:18-25)

The Roles of Domestic Life:

(1) Role of the Wife (3:18) - *Submit to your husband.*

Though male and female are one in Christ, it is appropriate for the wife to **submit** to the husband, for Adam was first formed, then Eve. Even the Son is subject to the Father (I Corinthians 15:28). Moule says that submission means "loyalty." Such a union as that of husband and wife is fashioned after the heavenly relation of Christ and His Church. The fidelity and submission of the wife presume love from the husband (19). Verses 18 and 19 set up a working partnership. **As it is fit in the Lord** limits the area of submission; it sets up Christian principles as the guides to domestic decisions. ¹

(2) Role of the Husband (3:19) - *Love your wives, be not bitter against them.*

(3) Role of the Children (3:20) - *Obey parents in all things.*

(4) Role of the Father (3:21) - Use wisdom in discipline. Do not *provoke your children to anger.*

The new life in Christ transforms the home. Husband and wife relationships are here envisaged (envisioned) as mutually respectful and tranquil. ¹

Each pleases the other when each pleases God. ¹

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, p. 419

THIRD STUDY

THE TRUE CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LIFE SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE (Colossians 3:1-4)

We are risen with Christ, who is our life, and our new lives are hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1,3,4).

1. If this be true about you, what does Paul say we must:

(a) Seek? (Colossians 3:1) _____

(b) Set our affections (mind) on ? (Colossians 3:2) _____

2. When Christ shall appear, What will happen to all believers who are hidden with Christ? (Colossians 3:4) _____

When Christ...shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4. This refers to Christ's glorious appearance at His Second Coming, with the saints sharing in that visible, manifested glory (see Romans 8:18-19; I Corinthians 15:43; I John 3:2; ref. Matthew 24:27,31).

This is the only time Christ's Second Coming is mentioned in this Epistle.

This writer believes, not only will we see and share in the full manifestation of His glory at His

Second Coming; but there are also occasions during times of worship, when we experience a measure of His glory.

PUT OFF SOCIAL EVILS (Colossians 3:5-9)

We are told to *mortify*, slay, put to death, our old sinful desires (Colossians 3:5). This is not abuse or mutilation of any part of our body as some assume and has been practiced in some cultures (Leviticus 19:28; Jeremiah 16:6; see Romans 6:13).

1. (a) Name the 5 members we are told to mortify in Colossians 3:5:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

- (b) What does Paul label the way of life listed above? (Colossians 3:5) _____

At one time all of us walked in this manner of idolatry when we lived in the world; and all we could look forward too, was *the wrath of God* to come on children of disobedience (Colossians 3:6,7; see Revelation 22:15; Ephesians 2:2).

2. Since becoming a Christian, we are instructed to “put off” certain things. What are they? (Colossians 3:8,9) _____

PUT ON CHRISTIAN VIRTUES (Colossians 3:10-17)

1. (a) What are we instructed to “put on” in Colossians 3:10? _____

(b) Fill in the blanks from Colossians 3:10,11
After we have been renewed in knowledge after the image of our Creator who created the “new man” we find there is neither _____,

_____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.

2. As the elect or called of God, holy and beloved, we are instructed to “put on” or practice certain values; but one is listed as “above all”. What is it? (Colossians 3:12-14) _____

3. There are 2 things from Christ that Paul says we are to *let* always be present in our hearts and lives. What are they? (Colossians 3:15-16)

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

And whatsoever you do or say, let it be a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with Him into the presence of God the Father to give Him your thanks (Colossians 3:17 LB).