



Building Bridges Series

Unity Part 5

Colossians 3:14-16

- **We are one week away from finishing our series of messages on the importance of love and unity in the Church. What we discovered was that Paul offered a powerful challenge in Colossians 3:14-”And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**
- **Love and Unity go “hand-in-hand” without Love there is NO UNITY.**
- **So far we have looked at 8 distinct qualities that can bring UNITY within the Church.**
 - **Love: Give of Yourself like Jesus Gives. Application: Be like Christ.**
 - **Compassion: To Feel like Jesus feels. Application: We need to be Sensitive.**
 - **Kindness: Treat Others like Jesus treats us. Application: Be Nice**
 - **Humility: We need to see Ourselves and Others as God Sees Us. Application: Be Humble**
 - **Gentleness: (The idea Strength Under Control) Surrender to Christ so You can Serve like Christ. Application: Be Trainable.**
 - **Patience: Act Like Christ. Application: Be Patient**
 - **Acceptance: Put up with others just like Jesus Puts Up with Us. Application: Be Understanding**
 - **Forgiveness: Give Grace just like Jesus Gives Grace to You. Application: Be Gracious.**

- Today we will read two more from this beautiful passage of scripture. We are going to focus on one today and then next week we will look at the final one and see how Paul brought all these qualities together.
- Colossians 3:14-16
- The Results of Christ-like Qualities: Peace and Thankfulness.

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Conclusion:

- If you aren't at peace with God today it may be because you are still at war with Him spiritually. If you have religion but not a relationship with Jesus Christ, you will never know peace.
- If you do know Christ as your Lord and Savior and you don't have peace there are three common reasons:
 - Submission-Unwilling to submit to His will
 - Sin-Unconfessed sin in your life
 - Selfishness-Unwilling to resolve conflict with others within the Body.
- When it comes to Jesus being your Lord, you can't be "in Christ" and "on your own" and have peace. It's time to say "yes" to whatever it is He is asking you to do. Secondly, if there is sin that you are still hanging onto, you can't have peace, it simply isn't possible. So give it up and receive forgiveness that Jesus died to give. Third, if you have issues with others within the Church you need to take care of them right now, today!