

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, April 26, 2026



sermon: "Harmony in the Home" Part 1- Colossians 3:17-4:1

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- I. Clothed in Christ, Continued (v. 17)
 - A. Here Paul continues to press the importance of being clothed in Christ, but in this case, in the home. If our faith is to impact the world around us for Christ, then it should start in the most important cultural institution, the family.
 - B. Being clothed in Christ in the family starts with:
 1. The principle of equality (cf. vv. 10-11; Gal. 3:27-28) – God does not play favorites; all who put their faith in Christ are part of His family and have equal status as sons and daughters.
 2. The principle of Christlike behavior (v. 17) – In whatever role we find ourselves in—father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter—we are called to live in a way that brings glory to God and builds others up.
 - C. Paul's point is that it is vital we fix our minds on things above in all areas of our lives, including our home, so that we can live consistently with who Jesus is and what He has called us to do.
- II. Harmony in the Home (vv. 18-19; cf. Eph. 5:21-33)
 - A. What does it mean to be clothed in Christ as a husband? As a wife? It means that we look to God's Word to shape our attitude and instruct our behavior (cf. Eph. 5:21). Here we see:
 1. Wives, be clothed in Christ through:
 - a. Submission to your husband's leadership (v. 18; cf. Eph. 5:22-24).
 - b. Respecting your husband's calling (cf. Eph. 5:33).
 2. Husbands, be clothed in Christ through:
 - a. Loving your wives as Christ loves the church (v. 19; cf. Eph. 5:25-33).
 - b. Setting the tone and example of Christ in your home (cf. Eph. 5:25-32; Mk. 10:42-45).
 - B. Harmony in the home involves a mutual submission to Christ (cf. Eph. 5:21) that seeks to bring Him glory and praise by shining His light in a dark world.

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