

## **Fellowship Group Study Notes: Colossians Chapter 3 Verses 12-17**

### **Introduction**

We will study this passage next Sunday morning (January 29th), but I would like you to consider the passage this week in your groups. According to Paul, a Christian is a person who has been given a new status, a new identity. You have a new life in Christ and that new life implies a new lifestyle.

### Questions to Consider

- 1) What do you think is the key verse in this passage? Why?
- 2) 'Bear with one another'- what does Paul mean? Think of practical examples.
- 3) 'Let the peace of Christ rule ( arbitrate, referee, umpire) in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace' Verse 15. What is Paul thinking of here in this statement?
- 4) 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly....' verse 16. what does Paul mean by the 'word of Christ'? (remember the New Testament had not been written at the time of this letter).  
The word 'admonish' used here is a strong word, a directive word even a disciplinary word. What does Paul mean by 'teach and admonish one another with all wisdom'?
- 5) "Paul knows that nothing ferments disgruntlement and irritability among human beings more quickly than a discontented spirit, and a discontented spirit is simply an ungrateful spirit. Discontent is another word for ingratitude". Would you agree with this statement? Is it why Paul emphasises the concept of thankfulness? (verses 15-17).