

## Mid way review\*: Colossians 3:15-17

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### Review

- We are now a bit more than halfway through our study of the book of Colossians. Looking back over Colossians, what have been the key verses of the book for you? Why?

*Read Col 3:1-17. (This may be the second week in a row you have read it)*

In this section of Colossians we note how God calls us to change in response to his gift of salvation: we are to put off and put on. In fact, another way we might describe the passage is 'Why', 'What' and 'How': Why Change (vv 1-4), What to Change (vv 5-14) and How to Change (vv15-17).

- Do you think this break down of the passage is helpful in showing us how we engage in God's process of change to become more like Jesus? (this process of change is sometimes called 'sanctification').
- Do you think this process something God does or something that we do? Why?

### The Change Process (Col 3:15-17)

Real and lasting change in life often works from the inside out. In what ways do these verses demonstrate this truth?

- How do you let the peace of God rule?

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- How do you let the word of God dwell in you richly?
  
- A younger person comes to you asking your help. They tell you that they have been diligently reading their bible for some time but they don't seem to see their life being changed by it. What would you advise them to do?

### **Music at Church**

- Verse 16 is one of the reasons that Christians have always done something quite unusual when they meet together—they sing! Looking at verse 16, when they sing, whom do Christians sing to?
  
- Given that music in church seems to have a dual role—to build others up and to praise God— what kind of music should we sing?
  
- What attitude do you want to bring with you to church next week when it comes time to sing?

**Spend some time praying about some of the issues raised during your discussion.**

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