

Who Has Your Soul?

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Matthew 22:37-38, Colossians 3:15-17

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Matthew 22:37, *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.*

Colossians 3:15, *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Four Instructions For Every Believer And Church:

1.Focus On The PEACE OF CHRIST

Colossians 3:15, *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.*

John 14:27, *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Philippians 4:7, *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 4:3, *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

2.Live With An Attitude Of GRATITUDE

Colossians 3:15, *... And be thankful. 16...singing to God with*

gratitude in your hearts. 17...giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Romans 12:5, *so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

3. Prioritize The WORD OF GOD

Colossians 3:16, *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

James 1:22,* *Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**

4. Uphold The Reputation Of CHRIST

Colossians 3:17, *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Four Concluding Questions:

- Are my relationships governed by the peace of Christ?
- Is my life filled with gratefulness to God?
- Is my mind saturated by the Word of Christ?
- Are my actions consistent with the name of Christ?