

1. Tonight we will continue our study of the Book of Colossians at verse 15 of chapter 3. Last week I exegeted in part Col 3:15 and when time expired we were studying the phrase "to the which ye are also called."
2. Before we continue our analysis of Col 3:15, you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of Col 3:12-14 and then, after a brief review, we will resume our analysis of the Greek prepositional phrase "ΕΙΣ ΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΛΕΩ."

Col 3:12 Therefore in view of what we have just learned, you must clothe and invest yourselves like the elected ones of God, set-apart and loved by each member of the Trinity, manifesting an emotional stability and control consistent with your holy and beloved status; full of virtue love and kindness, modesty and humility of mind; always displaying stability even under pressure;

Col 3:13 endure and tolerate without complaint your fellow believers while also being gracious and forgiving to others. And if anyone has a complaint against another, they should forgive just as Christ forgave.

Col 3:14 but over and above all the ethical imperatives listed, we must love in the Agape sense, which such love is and keeps on being that which holds together all the imperatives in perfect unity, ready to perform that which God demands or "needs done."

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of the verse which in the KJV has been rendered "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ... noting it might better be translated "**and you must let the peace, stability and harmony of Christ rule in the sphere of your right lobes ...**"
5. The entire verse has been translated as follows:

KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

6. Now let's continue our review by analyzing how we arrived at our expanded translation "**and you must let the peace, stability and harmony of Christ rule in the sphere of your right lobes ...**"

AND LET THE PEACE OF GOD ΚΑΙ Ο ΕΙΡΗΝΗ Ο ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

1. **Kai Ho Eirene Ho Christos** is better translated "and you must let the peace, stability and harmony of Christ ..."

2. Both the KJV and the NIV introduce the verse with the exhortative "let," and this because of the verb **Brabeuo** that follows; this verb translated "rule" is parsed as a present active imperative and thus "let" is an appropriate translation. The peace, stability and harmony of Christ is therefore, a direct order.

3. **Eirene** can be found approximately one hundred times in the New Testament where it is generally translated "peace" in the KJV. Peace and stability should characterize the life of a mature believer.

RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, βραβευω εν ο καρδια συ

1. **Brabeuo En Ho Kardia Su** is better translated "rule in the sphere of your right lobes ..."

2. **Brabeuo** is a hapaxlegomenon. It properly means, "to act as an umpire" (**Brabeus** is the noun form), generally therefore it means, "to arbitrate" or "to decide." **Brabeuo** is translated "rule" in both the KJV and the NIV of Col 3:15.

3. **Kardia** in the context of our verse is used to describe a compartment of the soul where metabolized doctrine resides.

4. And now for the phrase "to the which ye are also called."

TO THE WHICH YE ARE ALSO CALLED εις ος και καλεω

1. **Eis Hos Kai Kaleo** is better translated "unto which such peace, harmony and stability you were also called ..."

2. **Eis** is a preposition followed by the relative pronoun **Hos**, declined as an accusative singular; next follows the conjunction **Kai**, used as an attributive followed by the verb **Kaleo**, parsed as a 2nd person plural, aorist passive indicative.

3. Our phrase **Eis Hos Kai Kaleo** literally translates, "unto the which also "you all" received the action of being called."

4. A mature Christian should be the most relaxed, calm, cool and collected individual on the planet. It is to this status we have been called.

5. Maturity however does not come overnight. It is a process--a development--an evolution.

6. It comes only through the consistent use of the two power options--the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit.

7. The Christian life starts with faith alone in Christ alone and then progresses based

entirely on a believer's "want to."

8. We must first overcome the chasm that separates man from God. That chasm is sin-- a missing of the mark, or standard of God.

9. There is only one way for mankind to appropriate salvation and that is faith alone in Christ alone.

10. Once the chasm has been bridged, the Christian life begins.

11. At salvation the Scriptures describe the new believer as a babe in Christ in need of spiritual growth.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

Rom 2:19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

Rom 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

12. Metabolized doctrine in the soul of the believer is the source of production-- divine good.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

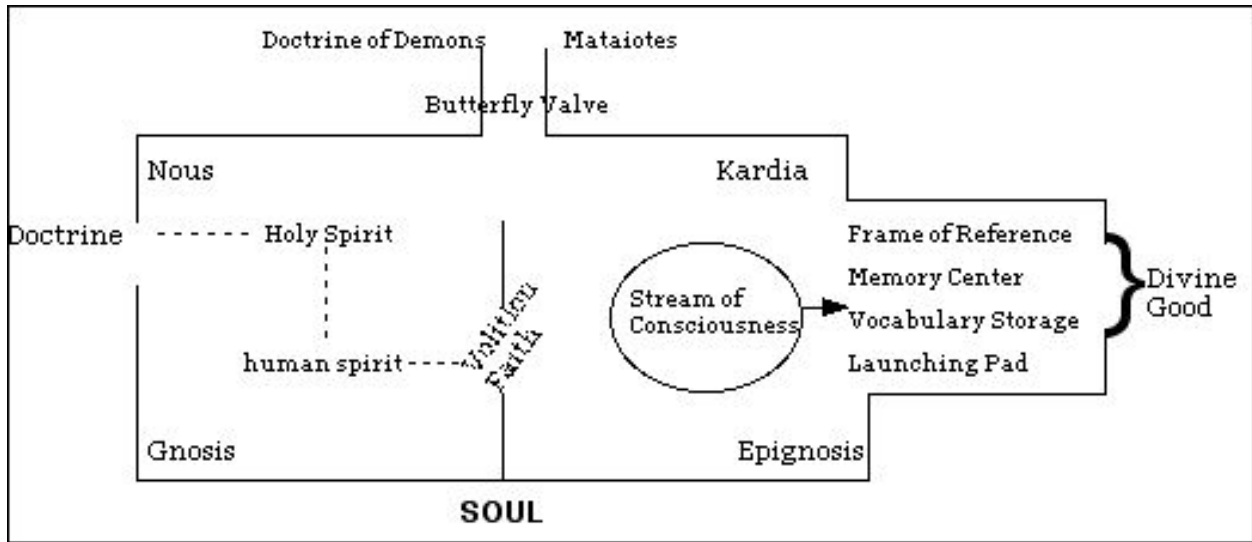
2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
 Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
 Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
 Jam 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



13. Now let's briefly review the meaning of **Kaleo** translated "called."

13.1 **Kaleo** appears more than one hundred times in the New Testament where it is translated variously as "call, called, calleth, bidden, named, name" or "bade." Several uses found elsewhere in the New Testament are as follows:

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed "**be called.**"

KJV

1Co 10:27 If any of them that believe not "**bid**" you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

NIV

1Co 10:27 If some unbeliever "**invites**" you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.

1Co 10:28 But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake--

Mat 22:3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were "**bidden**-NIV--invited" to the wedding: and they would not come.

Mat 22:4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are "**bidden**-NIV--invited", Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

Mat 22:5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Mat 22:6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

Mat 22:7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Mat 22:8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were "**bidden**-NIV--invited" were not worthy.

Mat 22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, "**bid**-NIV--invite) to the marriage.

14. Now let's see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Col 3:15 and you must let the peace, stability and harmony of Christ rule, guide and direct in the sphere of your right lobes; unto which such peace and prosperity you were also called ...

15. Now for the phrase "in one body."

IN ONE BODY; ΕΝ ΕΝΙ ΣΩΜΑ

1. **En Heni Soma** well translated "in one body ..." or "in the body of Christ ..." or "as an integral part of the body of Christ ..."

2. **En** is a preposition followed by the adjective **Heni** (cardinal # one) which modifies the noun **Soma**, declined as a locative singular. **Soma** is used in the New Testament for the literal and metaphorical body of Christ.

3. In our verse the prepositional phrase "in one body" is an idiom for the universal church. I want to review the Doctrine of The Church.

Doctrine of The Church

1. The Greek word for church is **Ekklesia**. It originally meant "the congress at Athens."

2. The word in the New Testament has four meanings:

- A gathering of citizens in a public place to deliberate

- An association of craftsmen

Act 19:25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

Act 19:26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

Act 19:32 The **assembly** was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.

- All believers of the Church Age

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the **church**,

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the **church**, his body, of which he is the Savior.

- A local church is under the authority of a pastor-teacher

1Th 1:1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the **church** of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

3. For this categorical study we will only deal with **Ekklesia** as it is used of the local church and the universal church. First let's look at the universal church.

4. The Universal Church

4.1 All born again believers of the Church Age are set-apart as different from the world. In fact the Greek word **Hagios** is used to describe our condition--those set- apart from the common. The **Hagioi** are the universal church.

4.2 The word **Hagios** is generally translated sanctified, set-apart or holy.

Heb 12:10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his **holiness**.

Heb 2:11 Both the one who makes men **holy** and those who are made **holy** are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Heb 3:1 Therefore, **holy** brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

4.3 The universal church, in time, is also called the body of Christ; after the Rapture we are called the bride of Christ.

1Co 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one **body**--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1Co 12:14 Now the **body** is not made up of one part but of many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the **body**," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the **body**.

1Co 12:16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the **body**," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the **body**.

1Co 12:17 If the whole **body** were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole **body** were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

1Co 12:18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the **body**, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

2Co 11:2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Eph 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but **holy** and blameless.

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his **bride** has made herself ready.

4.4 The Universal Church is uniquely supplied with the mystery doctrines not available to other dispensations. The prophets and angels are interested in knowing the mysteries.

Rom 16:25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the **mystery** hidden for long ages past, Rom 16:26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him--

Eph 3:5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. **Even angels long to look into these things.**

End Lesson Taught 2-10-10