

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 Doctrine of The Church.
2. Before we continue that analysis 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 "εν ενι σωμα."

**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, to the which also ye are called ... 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 for you see believers were called to manifest the peace, harmony and stability ...**"
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, for you see believers were called to manifest the peace, harmony and stability ...**"

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," therefore we have 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.

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

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

4. **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."

### IN ONE BODY; εν ενι σωμα

1. **En Heni Soma** is literally translated "in one body ..." or given the context "as an integral part of the body of Christ ..."

2. 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

Acts 19:25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation ...

Acts 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**,

- 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, 2:11 and 3:11

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 12:13-18; 2Co 11:2; Eph 5:25-27; and Rev 19:7

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 16:25-26; Eph 3:5 and 1Pe 1:12

4.5 Paul was made a servant to communicate the mysteries.

Col 1:25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness--

Col 1:26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

4.6 There are several synonyms for Christ and His universal Church.

- The last Adam and His new creation

1Co 15:45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being;" the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

1Co 15:46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

1Co 15:49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Gal 6:15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.

- The body of Christ

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

- Royal priests

Heb 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Heb 10:12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Heb 10:13 Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool,

Heb 10:14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

- Living stones

1Pe 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- A chosen people

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

4.7 Christ is the Great Shepherd and His many delegated pastor-teachers are shepherds who are to feed and oversee certain assigned sheep.

1Pe 5:1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

1Pe 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

1Pe 5:3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

1Pe 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Heb 13:20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

4.8 Christ is the Chief Cornerstone and we are the stones of the building.

Eph 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

1Pe 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--

1Pe 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:8 and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

5. The Local Church

5.1 The local church is made up of believers who have come together in a local assembly under the authority of their pastor-teacher to learn Bible Doctrine.

5.2 Each believer has a pastor-teacher with authority to teach and lead in order that the souls of each believer priest will grow.

Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

5.3 There are several local churches mentioned in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. The seven churches represent not only seven local assemblies located in Asia Minor but seven time periods through which the universal church will go.

5.3.1 The seven are: Ephesus (A.D. 30-100), Smyrna (A.D. 100-300 ), Pergamum (A.D. 300-800), Thyatira (A.D. 800-1517), Sardis (A.D. 1517-now), Philadelphia (at the time of the rapture) and Laodicea (the church of the Tribulation).

5.4 The mission of Paul on his 3 missionary journeys was to evangelize, teach, select and train pastor-teachers for selected local churches.

5.5 The pastor-teacher is to teach the Word of God to his congregants.

Tit 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

Tit 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,

Tit 2:15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

2Ti 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

6. 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, harmony and stability you were also called as an integral part of the body of Christ ...**

AND BE YE THANKFUL **ΚΑΙ ΓΙΝΟΜΑΙ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΣ**

1. **Kai Ginomai Eucharistos** is better "and be you thankful ..." or "you must become

thankful ones ..."

2. **Kai** is a conjunction used as a simple connective followed by the verb **Ginomai**, parsed as 2nd person plural, present active imperative; next follows the noun **Eucharistos**, declined as nominative plural.

3. **Ginomai** is translated, "to become, became, come, came, is, are, be, being," or "it came to pass." Three uses found elsewhere in the New Testament are as follows:

Acts 28:6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm "**come**" to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Acts 28:8 And "**it came to pass**," that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Acts 28:9 So "**when**" this "**was done**," others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

4. **Eucharistos**, or one of its cognates, is translated variously as, "thanks, be thankful, thanksgiving, give thanks" or "gave thanks." Related words are **Eucharistia** and **Eucharisteo**.

4.1 Five uses found elsewhere in the New Testament are as follows:

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

Mat 15:36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had "**given thanks**," he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither "**were thankful**"; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1Co 14:16 If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your "**thanksgiving**," since he does not know what you are saying?

1Co 14:17 You may be "**giving thanks**" well enough, but the other man is not edified.

1Co 14:18 "**I thank**" God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

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