

1. Tonight we will continue our study of the Book of Colossians at verse sixteen of chapter three. Last week I taught The Doctrine of Wisdom and exegeted in part Col 3:16. When time expired we were about to begin an analysis of the Greek word **Noutheteo** translated in the KJV "admonishing."
2. Before we continue that study 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 3:12-15 and then, after a brief review, we will resume new material at point 6 on page 2.

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."

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 harmony you were also called as an integral part of the body of Christ; and be you thankful.

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of Col 3:16 which in the KJV has been rendered "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and ..." noting it might better be translated "**You must again and again decide to let the Word of Christ dwell richly and abundantly in your soul by means of the application of the doctrine in the sphere of your soul teaching and ...**"

5. The entire verse has been translated:

KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

6. And now for an analysis of the word **Noutheteo** translated "admonishing."

ADMONISHING ΝΟΥΘΕΤΕΩ

1. **Noutheteo** is better translated "warning others ..." or as translated "admonishing ..."
2. **Noutheteo** is a verb parsed as a present active participle.
3. **Noutheteo** means to warn or admonish. In this case the teaching and warning is to be done by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. The verb can be found six other places in the New Testament.

Acts 20:31 So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped "**warning**" each of you night and day with tears.

Rom 15:14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to "**instruct and admonish**" one another.

1Co 4:14 I am not writing this to shame you, but to "**warn**" you, as my dear children.

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and "**admonish**" you;

1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, "**warn**" them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

2Th 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2Th 3:15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but "**admonish**" him as a brother.

4. We must keep in mind the local church services were different from that conducted today. There was no New Testament upon which to base the service. The local services were driven by spiritual gifts. Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs played a far greater role than today.

5. Let me read what Wuest has written of our verse sixteen.

"The participles "teaching" and "admonishing" are imperative in force. They exhort ... The teaching and admonishing was to be in the form of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Vincent is our authority for the statement that in the early Christian Church, it was not unusual to employ verse or rhythm for theological teaching or statement. That would explain Paul's exhortation embracing this form of pedagogy, a system which we do not use today in any formal presentation of theological or doctrinal teaching, although in congregational singing, we do still follow the custom ... Thus it was quite possible for the same song to be at once a psalm, hymn, and a spiritual song. In the text, the reference to psalms, we may suppose, is specially, though not exclusively ... to the Psalms of

David, which would early form part of the religious worship of the Christian brotherhood. On the other hand, hymns would more appropriately designate those hymns of praise which were composed by the Christians themselves on distinctly Christian themes, being either set forms of words or spontaneously effusions of the moment."

ONE ANOTHER IN PSALMS AND HYMNS ΕΑΥΤΟΥ ΦΑΛΜΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ

1. **Heautou Psalmos Humnos** is better translated "to self and others of the same kind in psalms and hymns of praise ..."
2. **Heautou** is a reflexive pronoun declined as an accusative plural followed by the noun **Psalmos**, declined as a locative plural and the noun **Humnos**, also declined as a locative plural.
3. Let's look at several other uses of **Psalmos** and **Humnos** found elsewhere in the New Testament.

- **Psalmos**

Luk 20:41 Then Jesus said to them, "How is it that they say the Christ is the Son of David?"

Luk 20:42 David himself declares (Psa 110:1) in the Book of "**Psalmos**:" ""The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

Luk 20:43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Luk 20:44 David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

Luk 20:45 While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples,

Luk 20:46 "Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.

Luk 20:47 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Luk 24:44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the "**Psalmos**."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Luk 24:46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

Luk 24:47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Eph 5:19 Speak to one another with "**psalms**," hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- **Hymnos**

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and "**hymns**" and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, ὠδη πνευματικος

1. **Ode Pneumatikos** is well translated "spiritual songs ..." or "songs which express the doctrine in your souls ..."

2. **Ode** is a noun declined as a locative plural followed by the noun **Pneumatikos** used here as an adjective and also declined as a locative plural.

3. Now let's look at several uses of **Ode** and **Pneumatikos** found elsewhere in our New Testament.

- **Ode**

Eph 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual "**songs**." Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new "**song**:" "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new "**song**" before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that "**song**" but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

- **Pneumatikos**

Rom 15:27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' "**spiritual**" blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

Rom 15:28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way.

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

1Co 10:2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

1Co 10:3 They all ate the same "**spiritual**" food

1Co 10:4 and drank the same "**spiritual**" drink; for they drank from the "**spiritual**" rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

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 2:6 For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

SINGING WITH GRACE αδω εν χαρισ

1. **Ado En Charis** is better translated "singing by means of grace ..." or as translated "singing with grace ... or "singing by means of God's unlimited favor ..."

2. **Ado** is a verb parsed as a present active participle followed by the prepositional phrase "**En Charis.**" **En** is a preposition and the noun **Charis** is declined as an instrumental singular and serves as the object of the preposition.

IN YOUR HEARTS εν ο καρδια συ

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

2. **En** is a preposition followed by the monadic noun **Kardia** and the pronoun **Su** declined as a genitive plural.

TO THE LORD ο Κυριος

1. **Ho Kurios** is well translated "to the Lord ..."

2. **Kurios** is a monadic proper noun declined as a dative singular.

3. Now let's see how our entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

Col 3:16 You must again and again decide to let the Word of Christ dwell richly and abundantly in your soul by means of the application of the doctrine in the sphere of your soul teaching and encouraging one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing praise to God's grace as

you exhale your love of God in song.

Doctrine of Music

1. Singing is one of several acts of worship. The other acts are prayer, giving celebration of the Lord's table and teaching.
2. Singing is authorized in every dispensation including the Age of the Church. There is a record of various musical instruments being used in the Old Testament but only a scant record of instrumentation found in the New Testament. The denomination, The Church of Christ, does not permit instrumentation based on this "scant record."
3. Singing will be done in heaven by four special angels and the raptured saints just before Christ opens the scroll containing the seven seals. The song will be one of praise for the Lamb of God, Who is the only One worthy of opening the seven seals. There is a harp held by each of the Church Age believers.

Expanded Translation

Rev 5:8 And when Christ as the resurrected Lamb took the scroll, the four living beings (four special angels) and the twenty four elders (representing all the translated saints) fell down before the Lamb, each raptured believer of the church age was holding a *harp* and a golden bowl full of incense which represented the prayers of all of God's children.
Rev 5:9 And the church age saints sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seven seals, because as the Lamb of God You died spiritually to redeem mankind; those availing themselves of His redemption came out from every tribe and language and people and nation;

3.1 Just before the return of Christ at His second advent we find the 144,000 Jewish evangelist singing a special song of praise.

Expanded Translation

Rev 14:1 I looked up and saw Christ as the Lamb of God standing in heaven on Mount Zion, the Millennial City of God, and with Him were the original 144,000 Jewish Evangelist; they had the name of Christ and the name of God the Father on their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 Then I heard a sound from heaven that was like a roaring flood or loud thunder accompanied by the music of many harps.

Rev 14:3 And I also heard a new song being sung before the throne of God; standing before that throne were the four special angels earlier seen and the church age saints earlier raptured. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been preserved through the awful Tribulation.

4. Singing is seen as an emotional response from the believer to God.

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