

# TOTAL CHRIST.

COLOSSIANS 3

## WITH OTHERS - June 3

**Colossians 3:12–17 (ESV)** 12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Read & Examine** – What does this passage reveal about who God is? About what God has done? What do those answers say about who you are?

**Apply** – In light of what the passage revealed about God, his work, and our identity, consider how he wants to *transform your heart* and to *move you to action*.

- Consider ways you have experienced being part of the church body. Whose joys have you had the privilege of sharing? Whose suffering?
- If believers are called to be part of the church body, how should that calling be prioritized? Do you consciously consider being part of the body as one of your vocations? Where does it rank among your other God-given vocations or roles?
- How invested are you in the lives of others in the church? How well do you know the tangible, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your CG?
- What most informs your interactions (or lack thereof) with others in the church body? How does Christ’s relationship with and pursuit of you show up in your relationships with others?
- In light of the passage’s command to “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”, are there any relationships in our body that you know are strained? Is there anything the Spirit may want you to do to encourage reconciliation or healing? If you were assured you possessed the peace of Christ, how confident would you be to engage the situation?
- Is there something you need to turn from, to believe, or to do in response to this Word?

**Pray** – Begin responding to God’s Word by praying. Spend time confessing your hearts to him. Request his forgiveness through Christ where needed. Petition him for his merciful and gracious help. Intercede for one another and those not yet part of your community. Additionally, please pray for all our leaders, and especially our elders, to continue to grow in Christlike meekness.