

THE IMPERATIVE FOR THE CHANGED LIFE

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

I. A FEW NOTES ON THE OVER ALL MECHANICS OF THIS SECTION (3:1-17)

A. There Are Three Strategic Occurrences Of "Then" / "Therefore"

1. Each One Triggers A New Thought Though They Build On Each Other
2. Taken Together, They Teach That Christian Sanctification Is A Series Of Successive Steps That Progress Toward A Goal

B. Some Of The Specific Arenas Of Change Regarding Various Roles In Life Are Then Listed & Expanded Upon (3:18-25)

1. It Affects Wives
2. It Affects Husbands
3. It Affects Children
4. It Affects Parenting
5. It Affects The Work Day World (Employers & Employees)

II. THE FACT THAT GENUINE CHRISTIANITY IS THE EVIDENCE OF A CHANGED LIFE IS EVERYWHERE TAUGHT IN THE N.T.

A. Pauline Epistles (Hebrews)

B. Peter, James & John

III. PAUL PROVIDES AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF BOTH NEGATIVE & POSITIVE CHANGES THAT ALMOST ALL RELIGIONS & CULTURES RECOGNIZE AS DESIRABLE BUT WHICH CANNOT ATTAIN TO

A. Negatives (3:5-9)

B. Positives (3:12-17)