

## **Filled With Christ Colossians 3:16-17**

### **We Are To Be Filled With Christ**

Starts with call to seek things of Christ vs 1-4 and remove things of the earth vs 5-7; in vs 8-10, uses "put off" and "put on" describe necessary to grow as Christians, expanding on these in vs 12-14  
In verse 15 he turns inward to that which must control us with Peace of Christ  
For these things to happen we must be Filled With Christ  
Consider vs 16-17 and two things that must overwhelm our heart & mind if we are to be like Christ

### **The Word Of Christ 16**

We are to Let the Word of Christ "Dwell" in Us

That is, Word is to live, to abide, to have free course in lives - **John 8:31-32**

Possible only thru serious effort to learn (self-study, classes, etc.) - **2Timothy 2:15**

But learning is only a beginning - **2Timothy 3:14-17**

For the Word to truly "dwell" in us, we must OBEY it! - **2Timothy 1:13; 1Timothy 4:15**

Many who study never make application - **James 1:22-25**

Notice the Word is to Dwell in us "Richly"

Happens when add to "study" of Word of God element "song"

This we glean as notice how to let Word dwell in us richly

*"with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another"* - **1Timothy 4:11-13**

If Word is to dwell in us "richly"...

It must not only involve the mind through study, but also involve heart (emotions) through song!

Emphasizes the Importance of "Proper Singing"

It is means through which Word of Christ dwells in us "richly"

For this to happen, of course, we must sing properly

Must understand what singing otherwise, not taught/admonished

Our heart (emotions) must be involved, otherwise we are not singing "with grace in our hearts"

No need of formal voice training, for emphasis not on how sounds to ear, but how touches heart!

All can and should sing (in heart at least, if unable to w/mouth)

If not learned "joy of singing", deprive self of means God intended for Word to dwell in us "richly"

### **The Authority of Christ 17**

Really Completes "The Christian's Apparel"

Emphasizes His role in our life – He Rules Our Heart And Mind - **Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:36**

If we say or do all "in name of Lord Jesus" (by His authority)

Is evident we have really "put on" LORD Jesus Christ in lives! - **1John 2:3-6**

Sadly, Many Fail to Adorn Self with Respect for Christ's Authority!

They do by own authority, "in name of personal preference"

Worship whatever way pleases them, rather than seek in Word of God what pleases the Lord

Make the church "in their own image", adding the traditions of men to the commands of God!

But in view of what the Lord taught, we should remember...

There is a such a thing as "vain worship"! - **Matthew 15:8-9**

Many religious will be lost, because did not submit to the "will of the Father" - **Matthew 7:21-23**

Instead, they practiced "lawlessness" - **Colossians 3:17**

### **We Wear Christ**

The Character of Christ; The Peace of God; The Word of Christ; The Authority of Christ

Certainly world (and many churches) would be much better place if all who profess Jesus to be Lord so adorned themselves

Four other motives are given... - **Colossians 3:12-13** *God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, Lord has forgiven*

Are not these reasons sufficient to "Put On Christ"?