

The Big Contrast Colossians 2:16-3:17

The brief letter to the church in Colossae is about the person of Jesus and his supremacy in everything. Chapters 1 and 2 are more centered on truth, while chapters 3 and 4 emphasize life application. Today's passage is the final part of ch. 2 and the first half of ch. 3, so serves as a bridge.

To be a Christ-follower means: (list as many things as come to mind, use the reverse side if needed)

The death and life images used in 3:1-4 probably refer to which Christian ritual?

Colossians 3:5-17 lists many things Paul is saying believers should flee from, and pursue. Think over these, or discuss them if you are in a group:

Throw it off

Put it on

Sexual immorality

Compassion

Impurity

Kindness

Lust

Humility

Evil desires

Gentleness

Greed/idolatry

Patience

Anger

Forbearance

Rage

Forgiveness

Malice

Love

Slander

Unity

Filthy language

Peace

Lying

Thankfulness

Read vs. 3:11 and 15-17, and ponder the divisiveness of partisanship contrasted with worship. Think about/discuss how you are doing with that in your life, or how we are doing with that in our local church.

Pray for the Lord to make this come alive in you, and among us, for his glory and for people to see Jesus in us and come to faith.