

**“THE PERSONALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN”**  
**The Habitation of God’s Word:**  
**Our Assimilation of the Word of God**

[Message 5c]

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**Text:** Colossians 3: <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>i</sup>

**Purpose:** We all want to be fully engaged in the *entirety of public worship*.

**Introduction:** We have gathered here this morning to worship God the Father and God the Son with the help us God the Holy Spirit. Our supreme desire is to worship Them in *spirit and truth* and not mixed with any hypocrisy. What an honor for the redeemed of the Lord! Could we do any less?

We shall be considering □□□□

**Outline:**

1. Our Biblical Mandate -- 3:16a “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”
2. Our Biblical Ministry -- 3:16b “... as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom...”
3. Our Biblical Medley -- 3:16 c “... and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

Let us now consider ►►►

1. **The Habitation of God’s Word -- Our Assimilation**[3: {permit} <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God]
  - A. **Our Biblical Mandate - <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**
    1. “Let the Word of Christ - *λογος του χριστου*” – the word of Christ is in the genitive case of possession, the word belongs to Christ.
    2. “dwell - *ενουκειτω*” Verb, finite, third person, singular, present, imperative, active. The word means to dwell, to live with, be at home and have a positive influence upon the one being indwelt.
    3. “in you richly - *εν υμιν πλουσιω*□”
      - a. “in you - *εν υμιν*” – in the sphere of you.
      - b. “richly – *πλουσιω*□” - is an adverb modifying the verb “dwell.” The word “richly” means in great abundance, in a great amount.

**Illustration:** There is a danger today, as there was in Paul’s day, that local churches minimize the Word of God. There seems to be a lack of simple Bible teaching in Sunday School classes and pulpits. Far more interest is shown in movies, musical performances, and various entertainments than in God’s Word. Many saved people cannot honestly say that God’s Word dwells in their hearts richly because they do not take time to read, study, and memorize it. <sup>ii</sup>

### Life Principles:

1. It is exciting to realize that the Word of God can be lovingly welcomed and live in our minds and be quite comfortable and effective in our spiritual growth.
2. What a delight to let the Word of God saturate our minds and lives!
3. Let’s permit the Holy Spirit to conform us to the doctrines and the assimilation of the Word of God!

### B. Our Biblical Ministry - as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom,

1. “as you teach and admonish”
  - a. “teach - διδασκοντε□” -- is a verb, participle, nominative, plural, masculine, present, active. This means to continuously impart instruction and doctrines and explain them clearly.
  - b. “admonish - νουθετουντε□” -- is a verb, participle, nominative, plural, masculine, present, active and means to give continuously counsel to another.
    - 1) instruct, teach on proper behavior and belief (Ro 15:14; 1Th 5:12+);
    - 2) admonish, rebuke for a wrong done (1Th 5:14)
    - 3) warn, advise on the consequences of a wrong action (Ac 20:31; 1Co 4:14; Col 1:28; 3:16; 2Th 3:15+; Tit 1:11 <sup>iii</sup>)
2. “one another with all wisdom”
  - a. “one another”
  - b. “with all wisdom -- εν παση σοφια” – “in the sphere of all wisdom. *“The God-given skill in the management of affairs. <sup>1A6</sup> devout and proper prudence in intercourse with men not disciples of Christ, skill and discretion in imparting Christian truth. The knowledge and practice of the requisites for godly and upright living.” <sup>iv</sup>*

**Illustration:** Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 -- [New Living Translation]

### Life Principles:

1. What a privilege to be the recipients of the teaching and the admonishing from the Word of God every Sunday morning in Sunday School, Fellowship Gatherings and anytime there is an opportunity to study the Word of God and to receiving the inspired counseling from it!
2. It is this teaching and counseling from the Word of God that will enable us to carefully evaluate the songs that we sing at home and in the church and those that we might listen too.

**C. Our Biblical Medley - and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God**

1. “and as you sing - **αδοντε**” Verb, participle, nominative, plural, masculine, present, active. Men, we are to sing!
2. “psalms - **ψαλμοι**” of a pious song, a psalm; a song of praise. (Lk 20:42; Ac 1:20; 13:33; 1Co 14:26; Eph 5:19)
3. “hymns - **υμνοι**” a sacred song; focusing upon the heroes of the faith; a sacred song; other songs of praise. Hymns were songs of praise to God written by believers but not taken from the Psalms.
4. “spiritual songs - **ωδαι** **πνευματικα**”
  - a. Relating to the human spirit, or rational soul, as part of the man which is akin to God and serves as his instrument or organ. 1A that which possesses the nature of the rational soul.
  - b. Belonging to a spirit, or a being higher than man but inferior to God.
  - c. Belonging to the Divine Spirit.
    - 1) of God the Holy Spirit.
    - 2) one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God.
  - d. Pertaining to the wind or breath; windy, exposed to the wind, blowing.
  - e. Spiritual songs were expressions of Bible truth other than in psalms and hymns. When we sing a hymn, we address the Lord; when we sing a spiritual song, we address each other. <sup>v</sup>
  - f. As being opposed to the secular songs.
5. “with gratitude in your hearts”
  - a. “With gratitude – **εν χαριτι** – in the sphere of grace” that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech. <sup>vi</sup>
  - b. “in your hearts – **εν τη καρδια** – in the sphere of the heart”

**Illustration:**

- “psalms”
  - The New 23rd Psalm
  - Revive Us Again - Ps. 85:6
- “hymns”
  - “Faith of Our Fathers” – Jude 3 - 279
  - “Onward Christian Soldiers” – 2 Cor. 2:14
- “spiritual songs”

- “Oh, How I Love Jesus” – 1 Pet. 1:8
- “Glory to His Name” – Heb. 9:22

### Life Principles:

1. Oh how thrilling it is to overflow with praise and thanksgiving!
2. What a thrill to sing praises to our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

### How Can this Message Help “ME” to Grow Spiritually?

1. You must let the Word of Christ, the Bible, *be right at home* in your personal life.
2. You must study *Biblical Doctrines* and then ask the Lord and the Holy Spirit to *put them to practice in your daily life*.
3. Then you will have a *mind singing with thankfulness to God and Jesus Christ*.

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<sup>i</sup> *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984, S. Col 3:16

<sup>ii</sup> Wiersbe, Warren W.: *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1996, c1989, S. Col 3:16

<sup>iii</sup> Strong, James: *The Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: Showing Every Word of the Text of the Common English Version of the Canonical Books, and Every Occurrence of Each Word in Regular Order*. electronic ed. Ontario : Woodside Bible Fellowship., 1996, S. G5485

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