

God's Household Rules:
Confirming Our Identity as God's Children
Colossians 3:12-17

I. Wear the Right Clothes (12-13)

- A. Our Heavenly _____ –*John 15:16; Deut 7:6; 1John 4:11*
- B. Our Christian _____ –*Rom 12:3, 15; Phil 2:3; 1Cor 4:21*
- C. Our Christlike _____ (13)
 - 1. Bearing with one another –*Eph 4:2*
 - 2. Forgiving each other –*Col 2:13; Eph 4:32*
- D. Our Central _____ (14)
 - 1. Love binds all –*Col 2:19*
 - 2. Love permeates all –*Matt 22:37, 39*

II. Serve the Right Master (15-17)

- A. Christ Must _____ over Our Lives (15)
 - 1. His peace was our calling –*Col 1:20-22*
 - 2. His peace should control us
 - 3. His peace results in thankfulness
- B. Christ Must _____ in Our Lives (16)
 - 1. He _____ in us through His word
 - a. Read the word daily –*Matt 4:4; Job 23:12*
 - b. See the word's daily relevance –*Ps 136:8; John 4:14; Rom 8:23*
 - 2. We _____ to others through His word
 - a. Teaching others –*Col 1:28; Matt 28:20*
 - b. Admonishing others –*Col 1:28; 1Cor 4:14*
 - 3. We _____ to Him through His word
 - a. In psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs –*Eph 5:19; Rev 5:9*
 - b. With thankfulness that He resides in our lives –*Eph 5:20*
- C. Christ Must Be _____ by Our Lives (17)
 - 1. The reach: _____ –*Col 3:23*
 - 2. The representation: in His _____ –*John 14:14*
 - 3. The result: _____ –*Acts 5:40-41*

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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.