

HOW DO I LOOK?

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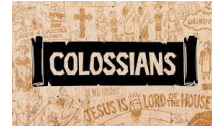
[Colossians 3:15-17](#) – There is a trap most men fall into. An innocent question sets the trap, “How do I look?” It could turn out good or bad, depending on how it is answered. Paul doesn’t ask the question, “How do I look?” directly, but shares what a person looks like as they grow in their faith. In [verses 12-14](#), he tells them to put on these new clothes or take these next steps in their faith journey. In verses 15-17, he shows what the person will look like. They will let the peace of God rule in their hearts, which helps them be unified in the body of Christ. They will let the word of Christ dwell within them and hold others accountable.

What does it look like to have the peace of God in your heart?

How can we let the word of Christ dwell within us?

What do your actions say about Jesus?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for August 31 – September 6, 2026

As Paul finishes his letter to the Colossian church, he shares a little more about what it looks like to follow Jesus. In verses 12-14, Paul listed some of the characteristics of being alive in Jesus. As we look at verses 15-17, we see him sharing how to continue the journey of faith. He starts with letting the peace of God rule in one’s heart. The peace that goes beyond any understanding. The peace that comes from a life of trusting that God will do what He promised to do. The peace that gives us the strength to stand up when the storms of life knock us down repeatedly. Paul adds some ways we can continue to grow in our faith. One of those ways is to let the word of Christ dwell richly upon us. This means reading and meditating upon the Gospels and the other books of the Bible. When we meditate on them, we allow God’s truth to flow through our minds, our hearts, and our lives.

~ Pastor Seth

TEACH TO PRAISE

Mon. 8/31

[Psalm 100](#) – All of us need encouragement. We need someone to stand in our corner and let us know that we are doing a good job. Some people do that easily and without a thought, just like breathing. Then others struggle to do it and need to learn how to do it. Psalm 100 teaches us to praise God, which in turn leads us to praise and encourage others. Verse three is the reason why we praise God; He made us, and we are His people. The idea of God wanting a relationship with us should lead us to praise and give thanks. God, who sees all of our shortcomings, wants to know us and walk with us. He wants the best for us and chooses us. If you have ever been chosen for anything, then you know the feeling of encouragement. God chose you. Our hearts can sing and shout because we are His, the sheep of His pasture.

What does it feel like to be chosen?

When was the last time you praised God? What is stopping you from praising God now?

GOD SHOWED UP

Tue. 9/1

[2 Chronicles 5:1-14](#) – There is something about worshipping God that attracts God to it. Solomon spent years building the Temple according to the plans his father, David, had left him. Now that it is complete, the priests and the musicians lead the people into a time of worship and bring the ark to its place in the Temple. As they worshipped, God showed up in a mighty way. The priests must leave the Temple as God's glory fills it. The priests' only recourse is to continue in worship. Wouldn't it be great if that were our only recourse? Imagine coming to Sunday morning worship and praising God, then God shows up, and His presence overwhelms us, and we stand outside worshipping Him. Experience would change our lives and worship. It would be something we would want to describe but would have a hard time doing so. It is something we want others to experience as well.

Why does God show up when we worship?

What can we do to prepare for worship on Sunday mornings?

MISPLACED DEEDS

Wed. 9/2

[Isaiah 5:9-17](#) – Have you ever wished that you could undo your actions? Maybe you accused someone of wrongdoing, and as time passed, you realized they didn't do it. Maybe someone came to you for help, and you didn't help them. Isaiah is a prophet who shares God's words. In our reading, he shares why life is about to become burdensome for God's people. They have disregarded God's deeds and shown no respect for the works of His hands. How have they done this? They had opportunities to give justice to their neighbors but chose to enrich their own pockets instead. They didn't value the lives of those around them; instead, they chose to crush the poor. They were self-centered rather than other-centered people.

What does it look like to be other centered?

How do we show respect for what God is doing?

A GREAT TRUTH

Thur. 9/3

[Matthew 22:35-40](#) - Jesus taught us how to live for God. He not only taught us but also showed us how we can live for God. One of the great teachings is what we read today. An expert in the law comes to Jesus and asks what the greatest commandment is. Jesus answers him by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#). This verse is one everyone was taught when they were old enough to learn. Jesus replaces the word strength with the word mind. Jesus emphasizes that one should love God with all they have. Jesus goes on to quote [Leviticus 19:18](#). This verse may not be as well-known as the Deuteronomy verse, but it says to love your neighbor and not hold a grudge against them. Jesus used the Old Testament to lead the people into a deeper walk with God. Jesus continued to see God's truth as the guide they needed to deepen their trust and obedience.

How often do you read God's word?

How does God's word change your life?

WHAT MAKES YOU WISE?

Fri. 9/4

[2 Timothy 3:10-17](#) – Our parents have taught us many things. Some of those lessons brought joy to us and those around us. There are some lessons that we are trying to let go of because they are not beneficial. Paul is Timothy's spiritual father, and he is giving his son some lessons in following Jesus. One lesson is to know who is teaching you. What do they believe in? How have they lived out of their faith? Another lesson is to keep learning about the Holy scriptures. They are God-breathed and useful in teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. The more we learn about God's word, the more we grow in our faith and become like Jesus.

Who teaches you about God? How does their life reflect God?

How does scripture train you in righteousness?