



**Calvary Chapel South Bay
Men's Ministry 2018 – 19**

“Putting Christ First”

Session 13

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“The new man in relationships”

We are a new man in Christ, and are to no longer walk as we once did. We are to put off the old man and **“put on”** the new. Nowhere is this more critical than in our relationships with other people. As Paul gets into this practical application of what he's been teaching, he makes it clear that if we are to live as new men in all our relationships, as in all things, Jesus Christ must be our priority. As he said in verse 17, we are to **“do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”**; for the glory of His name. As you read and meditate on this passage, ask yourself if you truly love your family and friends the way Jesus would want you to. Does the way you do your job make your boss want to hire more Christians? Could it even cause him to want to know about this God you serve? Take an honest look at where you are at, and ask the Holy Spirit to do a deeper work in your life, so that when people look at you they will see more of Jesus; more of the new man and not the old.

Passage: Colossians 3:18-4:1

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Colossians 3:18

Why are wives to submit to their own husbands?

Scripture: Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19

How are husbands to love their wives, according to Ephesians? What can happen to a husband when he doesn't obey the Lord in this, according to Colossians?

Scripture: Colossians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:4

What motivation to obey their parents does Paul give to children? Why are fathers to not **“provoke”** their kids? According to Ephesians, how can a father provide for rather than provoke their children?

Scripture: Colossians 3:22, 4:1

What should not be our reason for obeying our earthly bosses? How should we obey them? If you are the boss (**“master”**), how should you treat your employees? What should you keep in mind in doing so?

Scripture: Colossians 3:23, 24

These verses are a good summary of the principle of putting on the new man. As new creations in Christ, how should we do all things and why? Who does it **“serve”** when we treat others according to the new man?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

Observe what Colossians 3:24-25 says about **“rewards”** and being **“repaid”** and compare that to Galatians 6:7-8. What principle do you see in Galatians that might help you in your efforts to put on the new man in your relationships? As with all things with God, obedience to His commands is not only right because He deserves it, but it also actually works for our good. As you consider your own life, how different are your relationships when you conduct yourself as the new man rather than in the ways of the old man? How can the perspective of doing all **“in the name of Jesus”** help you to live as the new man in your relationships?

Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24