

Review From Last Time

<u>Colossians 3:8</u> But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

Them = acts of immorality

Verse 5Verse 8immoralityangerimpuritywrathpassionmaliceevil desireslander

greed abusive speech

No Ethnicity In Christ

Colossians 3:11 a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Barbarian, Scythian = synonymous for barbarian – contrasted with Greek (gentile readers)

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks, and to barbarians both to the wise and to the foolish...

One People Under Christ Marxist Academia 1. Classless/Raceless Society 2. They teach macro evolution! Church (true) 1. We are in a classless/raceless society! 2. Bible teaches men are created in the image of God! (We are renewed in Christ) Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. The Character Of God's Elect Colossians 3:12-13 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples...but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers.. The Character Of God's Elect Colossians 3:12-13 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion kindness humility gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Ενδυσασθε = put on (opposite of Colossians 3:8 "...putthem all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander...") οικτιρμου = compassion - (mercy) Zechariah 7:9 Romans 9:15

ταπεινοφροσυνη = humility –contrasted with false humility of Colossian heretics: Col 2:18; 23

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- καριζομενοι = forgiving present tense indicating ongoing/unceasing forgiveness! (Matthew 18:21-22)
- whoever has a complaint...implies there will be genuine grievances – yet forgive!

Mclaren's Idolatry

The traditional understanding says that God asks of us something that God is incapable of Himself. God asks us to forgive people. But God is incapable of forgiving. God can't forgive unless He punishes somebody in place of the person He was going to forgive. God doesn't say things to you – Forgive your wife, and then go kick the dog to vent your anger. God asks you to actually forgive. And there's a certain sense that, a common understanding of the atonement presents a God who is incapable of forgiving. Unless He kicks somebody else. (2006 podcast Leif Hansen)

Clarifying Mclaren's Confusion

God

Psalm 89:14
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You

Malachi 3:6

For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O Sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Man

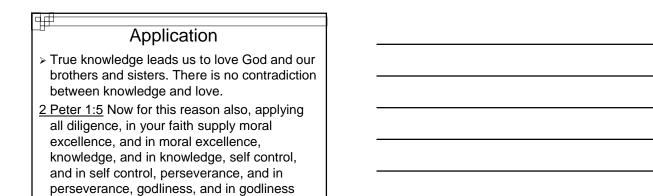
Romans 3:10-12 There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless. There is none who does good there is not even one.

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Love And Peace In Christ Colossians 3:14-15 Beyond all these things (put on)love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful. · vs. 12 "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience/vs.13 bearing, forgiving... επι πασιν δε τουτοις "On top of all the other articles of clothing...' Love: Our Bond Of Unity Colossians 3:14-15 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful. Love = αγαπη, φιλια (Regarding Rev. 3:19-20) "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline." Here $\phi\iota\lambda\epsilon\omega$ is used for love – a term never used of God/Jesus loving unbelievers in the NT. (Indeed, it would be impossible for God to have this kind of love for an unbeliever, for it routinely speaks of enjoyment and fellowship. Ay $\alpha\pi\alpha\omega$ is the verb used of God's love for unbelievers (unconditional)." (Daniel Wallace, Grammar, 380) True Knowledge Leads To Love Colossians 3:14-15 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful. Τελειοτητος = "unity" – state of completion/perfection CHALLENGE: "You Evangelicals focus on knowledge which puffs people up. We focus on love." 1st Cor. 8:1-3 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge.

Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as ought to know; but if anyone loves

God, he is known by Him.



brotherly kindness, and in brotherly kindness,

love.