

ROOTED IN MATURITY

We want to be “mature” followers of Christ.

(Colossians 3:12-17) Therefore, God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on HEARTFELT compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, put on love - the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. 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.

1. Mature FORGIVENESS

(3:13) Accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another.

(3:15) One body

(3:14)The perfect bond of unity.

- A. Group Forgiveness
- B. Grace Forgiveness

(3:14) Above all, put on love - the perfect bond of unity.

- C. Agape Forgiveness.

(3:13b) Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so also you must forgive.

2. Mature GROWTH

(3:15) Let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts.

- A. Peace of the Messiah.

(3:16) Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...

- B. Message about the Messiah
- C. Music worshiping the Messiah

(3:16) Singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

3. Mature THANKFULNESS

(3:15b) Be thankful.

(3:17) And whatever you do in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- A. The opposite of thankfulness – is ENTITLEMENT.
- B. The opposite of entitlement – is THANKFULNESS.

(3:17) Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.