

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 25th Sept 2022



Week 3 – Whatever We Do Colossians 3:15-24

Preparation

- 1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: 25 09 2022: Frontline Sundays Whatever we Do: Colossians 3:15-24 YouTube
- 2. Watch Film 3 Whatever You do (licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays)
- 3. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

• Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Reading:

Colossians 3:15-24 New International Version - UK

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Instructions for Christian households

- ¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
- ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

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Sermon Reminder:

The sermon focused on the idea that 'whatever you do, do it ALL in the name of Jesus. Do it with ALL your heart.' Many Christians live unconsciously with a sacred-secular divided way of thinking about their daily lives. Some things are accepted as being important to God, and the rest is 'just life'. Paul will have none of that thinking – he uses the phrase 'whatever you do' in a worship context (15–17) and in an everyday work context (22-24).

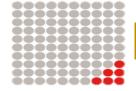
The idea of doing something in someone else's name is that you are acting as that person's representative. If that person is Jesus, that changes everything! It's this attitude to the ordinary joys and challenges of our everyday tasks and activities that can mark us out as Christians.

Questions For Discussion

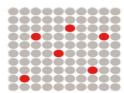
Discuss the passage

- 1. What difference does it make to do things 'in the name of Jesus' in our everyday lives?
- 2. In verse 17, this seems to be in the context of our gathered worship. How can our worship be offered in the 'name of Jesus'?
- 3. In verse 23, Paul encourages the slaves to work 'with all your heart, as working for the Lord.' What does that mean for us today?

Explore Discipleship



Disciple (n): someone who is learning the ways of Jesus in their context at this moment.



- 4. There are lots of different ways of describing what it means to be a disciple, and this one does not include everything. However, what advantages do you see in this definition?
- 5. We learn the ways of Jesus as we are involved in our daily tasks. What are you learning about the ways of Jesus at the moment? How has Jesus and his ways inspired you to see what to do on your frontline, and how you can do these things in a Christ-like way?