

The Fruit of the Regenerated Life

Colossians 3:18-4:6; Ephesians 5:18-33

- 1) Jesus Christ is the Root of our salvation (Col. 1:9-20)
- 2) Believers dwell richly on Christ's word, producing the fruit of salvation (3:16-4:1)
 - a) Singing praise, teaching, giving thanks (3:16b-17)
 - b) Rejoicing in the proper roles God has given us (18-4:1)
 - i) Wives subjecting themselves to their husbands (18)
 - ii) Husbands loving their wives (19; cf. Eph 5:25-28)
 - (1) More than parents (Gen. 2:24).
 - (2) More than his own body (Eph. 5:28-29)
 - (3) Praying for her (1 Pet. 3:7)
 - (4) Spending time together for growth
 - iii) Children obeying their parents, pleasing God (20; cf. Exod 20:12)
 - iv) Fathers encouraging, not exasperating, their children(21)
 - (1) Not a workaholic, neglecting family
 - (2) Not irritable or impatient
 - (3) Not overly strict; balancing *yes* with *no*
 - (4) Not inconsistent—conflicting messages from parents
 - (5) Complimentary; able to be pleased
 - (6) Keeps children close, spending time; not shallow
 - c) Employees work heartily as if God is watching (22-25)
 - d) Employers oversee as Christ oversees them (4:1)
- 3) Obedience to Christ is the key to the contentment we all seek