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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

Colossians 3:16

Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly

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NASB 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you

This is not a suggestion or something to merely consider, but a command/imperative

- present active imperative: continually

Let the word of Christ:

- This is a reference to Scripture (Truth concerning Christ)
- What parts of Scripture are about Christ?
 - **Luke 24:27** *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*
 - **2 Corinthians 1:20** *For all the promises of God find their Yes in him*
 - The message of Scripture is God's redemptive plan through Jesus

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you

Let the word of Christ Dwell within you:

- inhabit; to be at home (Live in/indwell), to take up permanent residence
- Let the word of Christ be at home in you
- Is there any place in your life where the Scripture is not at home in you? (Where it is not ruling your heart/life)
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*
- If the Spirit of God is dwelling in our hearts, His Word should dwell there

How should it dwell within us?

Richly:

- Abundantly, overflowing (Breadth and Depth)
- The Word of God should permeate every aspect of our being and govern all our thoughts, activities, motives and desires
- In order for the Word of God to get in us, we must get in it
- Reading, Hearing, Memorizing, Meditating, Appropriating (Prioritize)

with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another

When the word of Christ (Scripture) is richly dwelling in us, it will encourage us, strengthen us (faith) as it reminds of us our hope in God's grace, and the fruit of that will be:

with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another:

- With the knowledge, understanding and hope we have in Christ from Scripture (richly dwelling within us), we teach and admonish one another
- **Teaching:** (Positive) To impart or instruct (to instill doctrine/truth)
- **Admonishing:** (Negative) To warn, exhort
- **Colossians 1:28** *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs:

- One of the means through which we teach and admonish one another is through singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
- Jesus Christ is the object of our praise, but through the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs we teach and admonish one another

with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

Implications to our corporate praise (Singing):

- If our praise to Jesus is to be a means of teaching and admonishing one another, our songs of praise must be Biblical
- Praise (Singing) is an opportunity for us all to be participatory in our corporate gathering
- *singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God:*
 - Singing with grace (of God) or thankfulness in your hearts to God (both)
 - God is not interested in us going through the motions
 - **Amos 5:23** *Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.*
 - God is our object of worship, Biblical truth is what we are singing, and our hearts are in agreement with our mouths (grace/thankfulness)
 - Worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24)

Parallels Text in Ephesians 5:18-19

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Colossians 3:16	Ephesians 5:18-19
Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you	Be filled with the Spirit
with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another	addressing one another
with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs	another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord
singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.	Making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always

To be filled with the Spirit is to let the word of Christ richly dwell within you. One of the fruits of us being filled with the Spirit/the word of Christ richly dwelling in us, is teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs from the heart out of praise to God for His great grace

Psalm 71:23 *My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.*

Psalm 32:11 *Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

Psalm 5:11 *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy*