



**We serve the  
Lord Christ**

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# Where we've Been



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- People of God
- Colossians 3
- Individuals: “As Unto the Lord” – “Fearing the Lord”
- Church – “As Unto the Lord”
- People of God – Crucified with Christ



# Gen Z and Level of Engagement

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- The American Bible Society released the fifth chapter of its State of the Bible.
- The survey examined church engagement levels, defined as “the level of an individual’s involvement in the life, mission, and community of a local church”
- that “includes learning and growing in one’s faith, meaningful relationships with people in the church, and active use of one’s gifts in the work of the church.”

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# **New Life with the Mind of Christ (Col. 3)**

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# Colossians 3 and Me



- Is Christ Your Life? (1 – 4)
- What have you put to Death? (5 – 11)
- What have you put On? (10, 12 – 17)
- How I live – “as to the Lord”
- “As something done for the Lord and not for men.” (3:23) HCSB

# Colossians 3 and Me



- Wives and Husbands – (Col. 3:18 – 19)
- Children – (Col. 3:20 – Eph. 6:1 – 4)
- Fathers – (Col. 3:21)
- Slaves – (Col. 3:22 – 24)
- Masters – (Col. 4:1)

# Colossians 3 Me and the Lord

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“With Christ” - 1, 3

“When Christ” - 4

Christ is ALL 11

Peace of Christ – 15

Word of Christ – 16

Name of the Lord - 17

3:18 and following

“in the Lord” – 18

“to the Lord” – 20

“fearing the Lord” – 22

“as for (unto) the Lord” – 23

“It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” – 24



# As to the Lord



- “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake . . . For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — as free, yet not using liberty for a cloak of vice, but *as bondservants of God*. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king” (1 Pt. 2:13-17).



# Local church: As to the Lord

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- “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles — that a man has his father’s wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you” (1 Cor. 5:1,2).

# Local church: As to the Lord

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- In 1 Cor. 6:1-8, Paul criticizes them for not settling their differences as Christian with Christian, and failing that, to “*go before the saints*” (v.1). Instead, “brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!” (v.6).
- The Lord’s church will *support and encourage* the teaching of the whole counsel of God (Ac. 20:27-31) — while distinguishing between that which applies to the *church* and that which applies only to *individual saints*.

# Local church: As to the Lord

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- Bible teachers will urge honesty in business, and work ethics that regulate each individual (Eph. 4:28) — but the church does not engage in secular business.
- The Bible regulates one's conduct at a feast (1 Cor. 10:27,28) — but this does not authorize church banquets.
- We are warned about sin against our body (1 Cor. 6:18-20) — but this does not authorize a church gymnasium.

# Local church: As to the Lord

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- The Lord's church supports and encourages Bible teaching regarding respect for civil authorities — but it does not involve itself in politics.
  - Individuals “render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's” (Mt. 22:21).
- The local church has an obligation to support needy saints — but individual obligations go much further. (1 Tim. 5:8 – 16)
  - Living “as to the Lord,” **God's people** visit the sick, feed the hungry, etc. as “good Samaritans” as they are able (Lk. 10:25-37).

# **“Christ, who is our Life” (Colossians 3:4)**

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- “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me: and that *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, *the faith* which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.” (Gal. 2:20)
- “having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,” (Col. 2:12 – 13)