

Colossians Class Schedule

30	8/25/2019	3:18 - 21	Relationship of Wife, Husband and Children
31	9/1/2019	3:22 - 25	Relationship of Slaves to Masters
32	9/8/2019		Chp 3 Review
33	9/15/2019	4:1 - 4	Masters to Slaves, Commands & Prayer
34	9/22/2019	4:5 - 6	Walking in Wisdom and in the Word
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Outline*

Our Family Life 3:18-4:1

1. The Relationship of Wife and Husband 3:18-19
 - a. The Relationship of the Wife to Her Husband 3:18
 - b. The Relationship of the Husband to His Wife 3:19
2. The Relationship of Children and Parents 3:20-21
 - a. The Relationship of Children to Parents 3:20
 - b. The Relationship of Fathers to Children 3:21
3. The Relationship of Slaves and Masters 3:22-25
 - a. Execution of the Requirements of the Master 3:22a
 - b. Carrying Out One's Job by Doing as Much as Possible as Well as Possible 3:23
 - c. Final Compensation Comes from the Lord, not Men 3:24-25

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²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, **as for the Lord** rather than for men,

²⁴ knowing that **from the Lord** you will receive the reward of the inheritance. **It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**

²⁵ For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

These slaves were believers!

fearing the Lord

as for the Lord

from the Lord

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Christ's relation to the Father

John 5:19 --- "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 8:28 So Jesus said, --- and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. also see Heb 10:4-7

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slaves – *doulos* - a slave, servant, spoken of involuntary service - see Eph 6:5

1 Cor 7:22 For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ's slave.

Why does the Bible take this stance? It does this because a master can be served as unto the Lord (3:23). God's word did not free the slaves who were believers; it rather gave them new motives for being good slaves. McCalley

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in all things or in everything

obey – *hypakouō* - from (hupo - under) and (akouo – to hear); to hear under (as a subordinate), i.e. to listen attentively; - present tense, continuous action

same as in Col 3:20 - Children, be obedient to your parents in all things,

also see 1 Tim 6:1 and Titus 2:9

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those who are your masters on earth

lit: your masters according to flesh

masters - *kyrios* - a lord, one who exercises power, is translated "masters" in Col. 4:1, Rom 14:4

not with external service (eyeservice)

eyeservice - denotes "service performed only under the master's eye" (*ophthalmos*, "an eye," *doulos*, "a slave"), diligently performed when he is looking, but neglected in his absence, also see Eph. 6:6

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as those who merely please men (men-pleasers)

men-pleasers - an adjective signifying "studying to please men" (*anthrōpos*, "man," *areskō*, "to please"), designates, "not simply one who is pleasing to men ..., but one who endeavors to please men and not God" (Cremer)

but with sincerity of heart,

sincerity - single, not having an ulterior or double motive

fearing the Lord

fearing - *phobeō* - "to show reverential fear"

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whatever you do or whatever may be your task

do your work heartily (present, imperative)

The word *heartily* is *ek psucha*, which literally translated says *out of the soul*. This points to both quantity and quality of work.

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Eph 6:6b --- but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart (lit: out of the soul)

Soul connotes that in the immaterial part of man which relates to life, action, emotion. *Spirit* is that part within related to worship, communion, divine influence. Chafer

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rather than for men,

as for the Lord

Eph 6:7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and
not to men,

Eph 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Eph 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to
the Lord.

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all
things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

rather than for men,

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knowing that from the Lord

you will receive - *apolambanō* - to "receive" as one's due
(future tense)

Eph 6:8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

the reward of the inheritance

reward - to recompense or reward - reward stressing the action.

see 1 Cor 4:5 --- and then each man's praise will come to him from God

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of the inheritance

The inheritance is received as a result of work; it does not come as a gift. The Greek inheritance (*antapodosis*) means repayment or reward.

It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

lit: you serve (*doulos*) the Lord Christ

negative usage:

Rom 16:18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

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for - or but

subject - he who does wrong

verb - will receive (future tense)

the consequences of the wrong which he has done

Lit: for what he has done wrong

done wrong - Col. 3:25 (2nd part), lit., "what he did wrong," which brings consequences both in this life and at the judgment seat of Christ

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and that without partiality

lit: and there is no respect of persons

Summary idea from McCalley:

The worker must be able to say, “I am here on earth to live for the Lord, and I am a servant to pay the expenses.” Doing our job well shows we have respect for the Lord.