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Christ is All and in All

“Community in Christ”

Colossians 3:11-17

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“We have a social and cultural divide in our country and most everyone is aware that it’s fierce and ever-growing.

It is due in part to our epidemic of loneliness. We are relational beings and inescapably so. Our souls crave connection as much as our bodies crave food, which means that isolation is as unsustainable as starvation. We are a ravenous hungry people, so we will inevitably seek community in some form. We simply must have it. ...

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“But what happens when traditional sources of community – faith, friendship, and neighborhoods – collapse? We search for new community, for another tribe. And for a variety of reasons, partisanship – our conservative/liberal tribalism – has filled the void left by the collapse of conventional communities.

... But there is still one tribe that’s stronger than our political tribes – one communal commitment that transcends partisan commitments:

Sports.” - “United Sports of America” by Robert Cunningham

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“Here ... Christ is all, and in all”

2. The Mindset of Community in Christ – 3:12-14

“Put on then ... as the Lord has forgiven you ... love which binds”

3. The Movement of Community in Christ– 3:15-17

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...”

*How do we continue to develop deep
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“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

- Galatians 3:27-28

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“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

- Romans 13:14

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“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle [mEEK] and lowly [humble] in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

- Matthew 11:28-29

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Let the peace of Christ rule...

Let the word of Christ dwell...

... Everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..

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