



The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians



“A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living an accidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to be like Christ.”

Jonathan Edwards, *Charity and Its Fruits, Or, Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life* (ed. 1856)

Becoming Who We Are (2)

Col. 3:12-17

February 24th , 2020

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- ii. Kindness
- iii. Humility
- iv. Gentleness / Meekness
- v. Patience / Longsuffering
- vi. Bearing with one another
- vii. Forgiving one another
- viii. Genuine Love

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2. Prioritize Christlikeness (15-17)

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2. Word of Christ is the ultimate foundation for knowledge and worship (16)
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Responding to the Text

1. A Christ-follower's life should be one that breathes grace i.e. grateful and thankful, because he/she is a recipient of grace. Don't wait for a feeling, start acting and behaving like a thankful person.
2. Evaluate yourself on the 8 virtues we learned about Christlikeness. If you had to rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being a lot to improve, 10 being I have no more scope to improve in this area), how would you fare? If the Lord were to rate you, how would you fare?

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