

WEEK 13 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND ME

July 2, 2017

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV)

QUICK SUMMARY OF THIRTEEN WEEKS

- GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF—NATURE, NATION, HIS SON
- GOD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH
- MAN'S PREDICAMENT IS SEPARATION FROM GOD BECAUSE OF SIN
- GOD HAS REMOVED THE SEPARATION THROUGH THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF HIS SINLESS SON, JESUS
- HE SAVED US, GAVE US FORGIVENESS, ETERNAL AND ABUNDANT LIFE
- HE ESTABLISHED HCBC TO BE ON MISSION WITH HIM—TO LOVE JESUS AND TO LEAD OTHERS TO LOVE HIM, TOO
- FIVE PURPOSES—WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, SERVICE, AND OUTREACH
- WE ARE ORGANIZED FOR THE TASK
- WE ARE SAVED, SPIRIT INHABITED, AND HERE
- WE ARE HCBC—YOU?

CHURCH IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

- WITH GOD
- WITH OTHER BELIEVERS
- WITH THE WORLD

SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRE

- CONTINUAL TUNING AND FINE-TUNING
- COOPERATING ON PURPOSE
- CONTRIBUTING TO AND ADVANCING THE MISSION

TERMS OF RELATIONSHIP

- COMPASSION
- KINDNESS
- HUMILITY
- MEEKNESS
- PATIENCE
- BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER
- FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER—"even as Christ forgave you."

WE MUST BE INTENTIONAL AND AGGRESSIVE WITH THESE