



FOR PEOPLE ON THE GROW "The View from the Pew" Colossians 3:11-17

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Having reminded the Colossians about the relationship of belief and behavior in general terms, Paul now turns his attention to specifics. First he emphasizes how Christians should behave in church.

I. The People of the Pew Are People in Process. v. 10

- A. They have been redeemed.
- B. They are being renewed.
- C. They should be respected.

II. The People of the Pew Are Focused on Christ. v. 11

- A. Christ is all that matters.
- B. Christ is in all His people.
- C. Christ transcends the barriers.
 - 1. Racial – Jew and Greek.
 - 2. Religious – circumcision, uncircumcision.
 - 3. Cultural – Greeks, Barbarians.
 - 4. Social – slaves, freemen.

III. The People of the Pew Are a Unique Community. vv. 12-14

- A. The new church – the old Israel.
 - 1. Chosen.
 - 2. Holy.
 - 3. Loved. See Deuteronomy 7:6-8
- B. The new character – the nature of God.
 - 1. Christian graces – clothe yourselves...
 - 2. Christian attitudes – bear with one another.
 - 3. Christian actions – forgive. cf. Luke 7:32
 - 4. Christian priority – love which binds.

IV. The People of the Pew Are the Body of Christ.

- A. Individually related to Christ.
- B. Collectively related to His Body.
 - 1. Governed by peace.
 - 2. Characterized by thankfulness.
 - 3. Permeated by the Word.
 - 4. Enriched by praise. See Ephesians 5:19
 - a. Psalms. Psalm 47:7; 1 Corinthians 14:26
 - b. Hymns. Matthew 26:30; Psalm 115-118
 - c. Songs. Revelation 5:9

V. The People of the Pew Are Committed to Glorifying God. v. 17

- A. In doing and saying what adequately represents Christ!
- B. In words and deeds for which they can thank God!