

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
February 3, 2021
Colossians 3:15-17
The Hologram
Or
(Let Go and Let God)

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[15] And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye 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 whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

There are some passages of scripture that seem to be a hologram of the whole of God's Word. This is one of them. All the peace, love, joy and comfort of knowing Jesus and His love, spoken throughout His Holy Tome, somehow condense around the particles of the individual words, here penned by our Brother Paul. When the new spirit is in tune with the Spirit of God, this section, like so many others, creates a repeating leap in the soul with each phrase. Allowing ourselves the effort of familiarity with the Truth of Scripture, we become drawn toward our Creator, desiring more and more of His Living Water and if we understand Him rightly, He, too desires a closeness and a nearness to us. Can it be that God Himself aches for a deeper, truer relationship with His people and He finds joy when our response rises to meet Him? Can our heart condition trigger a spiritual meeting of Souls if only for a moment? Does your soul leap when considering this? When in humility, we approach the Lord to hear Him, we become able to allow Him access. The Heavenly Father is constantly reaching out to us as any loving father would yearn for a deeper relationship with his children. Because He is a Gentleman, God waits patiently for us to open our minds and give Him the privilege of entering in. We are blessed to come in before His Throne (Hebrews 4:16) but He too, is richly blessed to come before ours. Our throne? Yes. We try to rule our own lives and the Lord lets us. When we decide to step aside and allow Him to sit on the throne of our lives, He lovingly does so and the fun begins. Letting Him rule relieves us of the stress and frustration of our own arrogant autonomy.

Digging in to today's passage in Colossians, we first see an emphasis on the word "let". Used twice it is translated in verse 15 from the Greek, brabeuō, to arbitrate that is (generally) to govern (figuratively prevail): - rule. It is the same as the word, "rule" later in the verse. We can understand this as was stated previously, that we currently rule our own hearts and in that rulership we must decide to hand that control over to God and more specifically, to His peace. Why would we want that rulership when in our dissemination of it we fail most miserably at what God prominently offers. Peace. Eirēnē in the Greek; to join or to set at one again. The broken relationship we have suffered with God is reunified through the sacrifice of Christ. So now God's peace becomes our Sovereign. Peace becomes our King. Again our soul leaps! If we "let" it. The heart by the way is kardia, the thoughts or feelings. Are your thoughts and feelings those of peace and unity with God? If not, get off the throne! Verse 15 continues this theme of unity in reference to the body of Christ. You and your fellow believers. Because of His peace we now

are "set at one again" with one another, moving us directly into thankfulness. God bless us all! Oh, Leap my blessed soul! Now in verse 16 we are told to let the Word of Christ dwell in us. This word "let" is derived from a different Greek word, enoikeō, to inhabit (figuratively): - dwell in. Here again we have this doubling of words in that as our will dwells within us, it would be well to replace it with God's Word. Consider allowing God's will to take the place of yours, living every decisive moment in light of His wisdom, discernment and judgement. Note the tactics taken to teach and admonish one another. Not with malice, pride or self righteousness but with heart songs of grace. It can be argued that we are not being told to sing to others when we wish to instruct or correct them. Rather, the very attitude of heart that we ought to have at these times is one of a sweet, melodious graciousness, pleasing to God and man. Leaping! Leaping! This provides us with the conclusion stated in verse 17. An image in one verse that sums up all of the Word of God. A hologram. It speaks for itself.

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When comparing this verse to those before it we can see the formula Jesus offers us to living for Him, in Him and through Him. The result? Peace, unity, fellowship, thankfulness, wisdom and song. Why live any other way? "Let go and let God"

Colossians 3:23, Psalm 29:1-2, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Matthew 5:16, Romans 14:6, 1 Corinthians 10:31.