



Intro to “The House That Grace Built”

This week we continue in Colossians chapter 3. We have just been commanded to put off our old nature and put on our new nature. In doing that we no longer live according to our earthly ways. Rather, we are putting on our new nature by faith and trust in the gospel. Now, Colossians 3:1-17 is being applied to life roles. There is something incredibly sacred about the home, about the family, and about our work, namely the relationships that happen within these environments. As we study this week, may you learn to see everything you do as an opportunity to worship God. In any role-related problems you have, may you learn to apply gospel truth to it. And may your living and serving bear witness to the incredible truth of Jesus Christ, who is preeminent over all things.

Colossians Focus:

The preeminence (superiority, excellence, distinguished, surpassing nature) of Christ in all of life (1:18).

Part 8: The House That Grace Built

Text: Colossians 3:18-4:1

Big Idea: When Jesus is Lord over a household, every role in it becomes sacred.

From the Sermon (add your own notes here):

- I. Our roles are ultimately about worshipping God.
- II. Our roles are useful in helping one another become more like Jesus.
- III. Our roles are unique in how they display God's glory to the world.

Getting Started

Re-Read Colossians 3:12-17 from last week. How do these verses impact our relationships within our home?

This week, we are looking at life roles, specifically roles within a household. List out your life roles (that take your time and effort) and share them with your group:

Digging Deeper, Read 3:18-4:1

1. What has your journey been like learning to live out your roles as “unto the Lord?” Maybe pick a role or two in sharing. Do you see fulfilling these roles as worship?

2. What makes it hard to live out a role in a worshipful way?

3. How do the following areas help us in becoming more like Jesus? In other words, how do they help us become more like Christ?
 - a. Marriage (Husband and Wife)
 - b. Parenting
 - c. Being a Child
 - d. Leadership (Masters/Bosses/Leading)
 - e. Followership (Employee/Following)

4. Discuss: What are some things you notice about the specific commands given to each of the roles:
 - a. To Wives:
 - b. To Husbands:
 - c. To Children:
 - d. To Fathers:
 - e. To Servants:
 - f. To Masters:

5. Paul spends a lot of time on these work relationships. Spend some time unpacking verses 22-4:1. How can we apply these concepts to our own, and modern, work situations?

Live It Out

Pray: Break into groups of men with men and women with women. Pray through your roles together.

Confess: With which life role would you like members of your group to encourage you to live it with sacredness this week?

Act: Right now, ask the Spirit to show you a next step to take in one of your roles. It could be something very simple! Share that next step with your group.