

**W**hat does it mean to be “in Christ,” both personally and as a local Church? How does it capture our attention? How does it change us? What difference is it making in the way we see our circumstances and challenges?

Last week we were challenged to spend a day with Jesus in humiliation, fasting and prayer. It wasn't required that we don a monk's robe or cover ourselves with ashes. The purpose was to humble ourselves before God, praying that He would teach us to pray for ourselves, our families, our two churches, our country, and its leaders. I trust you had a wonderful day with Jesus. We continue our “in Christ” quest with a challenge to “Fly His Colors!”; by that I'll be talking about the peace of Christ, the word of Christ, and the Name of Christ.

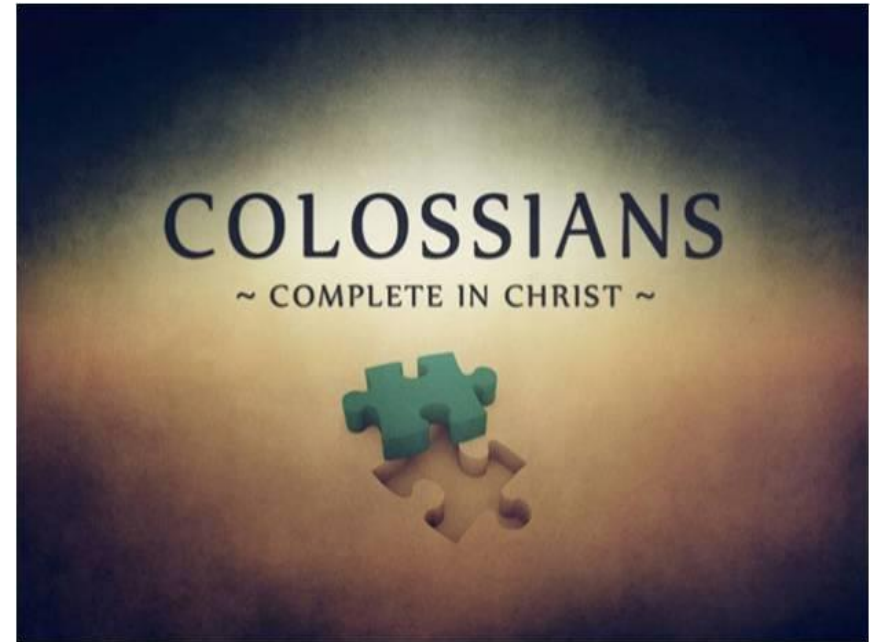
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## Personal Application and Interaction

1. What were some of the special rules your family had when you were growing up or when you were raising your own family?
2. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (3:15). The word “rule” comes from the world of athletics. Paul wanted the peace of Christ to “umpire or referee” relationships within the body of Christ. His peace works for church decisions, disputes, passions, and direction. How is the peace of Christ affecting our chapter of the body of Christ?
3. In what ways have you grown in Christ as a result of a relationship with someone else from El Calvario? (see Col. 3:16)
4. How do you see the word of Christ (3:16) uniting our two congregations in terms of worship and gratitude to God?
5. What practical difference does the name of Christ (3:17) make in the way you treat our new friends from El Calvario and others who show up at Calvary to give us a try?



## Fly His Colors

### Colossians 3:15-17

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