

What your starting point when it comes to Christ-honoring dynamics in the home and family unit? Do you start with written agreements, rules, or do you just go with the flow? It's likely that our initial instruction in family life started with our families of origin...for better or for worse. How does your relationship with Christ affect your relationships within family? Our previous messages from Colossians 3:1-17 called for those who have "taken off our old self with its practices and have taken on the new self, renewed in the knowledge of our Creator...to live in perfect unity" (vs.9, 10, 14). It really comes down to this, **Godly families reflect oneness in Christ.**

What's your starting point?

Wives

Husbands

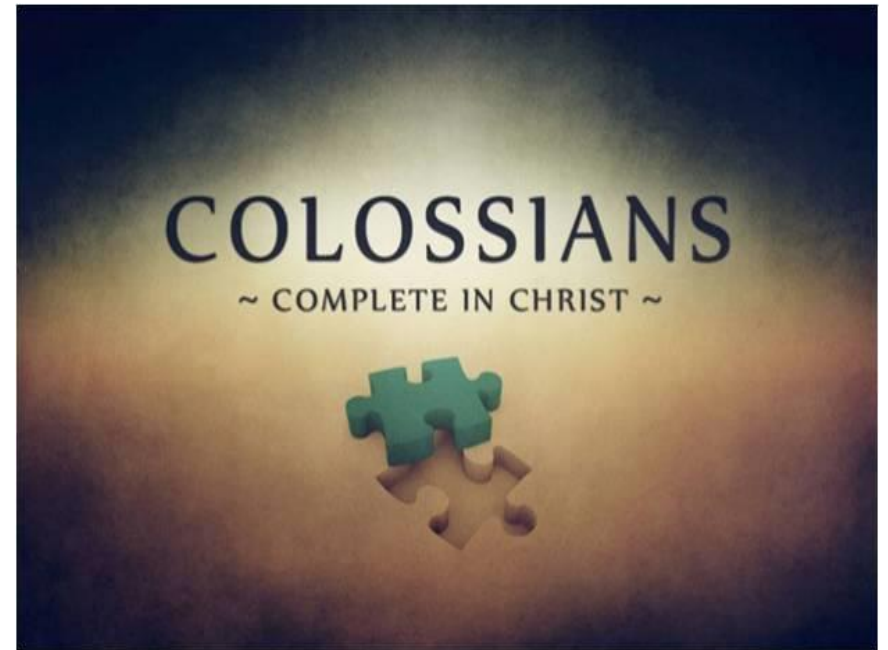
Children

Slaves

Masters

Personal Application and Interaction

1. What are some of the most important family-life courtesies?
2. Why do you think some people challenge basic standards of behavior when it comes to family life?
3. What are the primary resources that have shaped your family-oriented attitudes and actions?
4. What are your thoughts about the advantages afforded to Christian families?
5. Create a 7 day prayer calendar to pray for:
 - Immediate family behaviors and dynamics
 - Friends who are facing threats to their family health
 - Marriage relationships within our church family
 - Our children and young lives whose family values and actions are being shaped by what we teach and what they see and hear all time
 - Relationships with those who work for you or along-side of you



Families United in Christ

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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