

Bible readings and discussion questions
for digging deeper into the sermon this week.

In your Bible this week:

During the week please read Colossians chapter 1.
After that read Col 3:18-22 and answer these ques-
tions based on the sermon and your interpretation of
chapter 1.

Is this law? _____

Was it closer to advice for the times?

Is this advice for the 21st century?

Does it allow for a changing of social trends?

Would Paul condone a woman making decisions for
the family in the 21st century? _____
Why or why not? Remember it is “Christ in us, the
hope of Glory.”

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Colossians Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

Sermon notes

As you listen to the sermon, fill in the blanks from Col 1:21 and 22. Notice that this reading is from the NLT (New Living Translation).

Col 1:21 This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his _____ separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 yet now he has brought you back as his _____. He has done this through his death on the cross in his own human body. As a result, he has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. NLT

What are your feelings about these verses? _____

Col 2:27-29 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. NIV

What does glory mean in this context? _____

Col 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices. NIV

The passage above appears to be about rules, yet Paul says, “it’s not about the rules.” So what is this passage about?

Please answer these questions about the passage as well.

Can you stop doing these things on your own? _____

How should you then accomplish these things? _____

Over time will you stop sinning completely? _____

Over time you will? _____

Was Paul writing new law? _____