

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan**COLOSSIANS 4****Colossians 4*****Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved...***

Colossians 3:12 begins the practical section of this short epistle. Being *practical* has to do with *practice*, the way we live, think, and our lifestyle in Jesus Christ since we are now His subjects, and He is our King! The life of each believer is to be characterized by tenderness and forgiveness toward others because that is the way God has dealt with each of us. Right? Choose to be mature and allow the peace of God to rule in your hearts.

"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. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

(Colossians 3:16-17)

Colossians 3:16 is a companion verse and the "Missing link" to Ephesians 5:18 and the command to "be continually, continuously filled with the Holy Spirit." If you notice in comparing Ephesians 5:18-6:20 and Colossians 3:16-4:1, you will see that being filled with

the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Word of Christ produce the same results. Of course, Paul went into greater detail in the Book of Ephesians because his purpose in writing was different. However, one cannot read these two passages without seeing the similarities.

The Spirit-filled life is the Word/Bible-filled life. The more you and I are filled with the Word of God and live in obedience to it, the more God fills us with His Holy Spirit and controls our thoughts and actions. We don't just read and study the Bible so we can boast and brag about our knowledge and understanding. We rather read and study so we can know more about God, His person, and His works, in order that we can love Him more and obey Him! He is our life! I have said it hundreds of times and more: Jesus does not want to be a part of your life! Jesus does not want to be an add-on, an upgrade, an appendix, or an addendum. He wants to be your life! He wants to control you! He wants to dominate your thoughts and practice in every area of your existence. That is the Spirit-filled, Word-filled life! Believe it! Live it! Share it!



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Prayer and Action Steps

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sins. Thank You for giving me the gift of Salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit to live in my life forever. Thank You for giving me the gift of Your written Word, the Bible. Please help me to become a better student of Your Word and allow Your Holy Spirit to control every aspect of my life. Amen