

St Peter's Barge

London's Floating Church

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Welcome!

Colossians 3:1-17

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in

your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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WORK MATTERS

Why does my work matter to God?

- God worked in the beginning¹
 - Creative²
 - Intelligent³
 - Relational⁴
- God works in the present⁵

¹ Genesis 1:26

² Psalm 147:7; Job 28:8–10; Luke 12:7

³ James 1:5

⁴ 1 John 4:8

⁵ John 5:17

- There will be work in the new creation⁶

Why does God matter to work?

- Glorify God⁷
 - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Psalm 1:1–3
- The lost are at work⁸
 - ‘the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost’ Luke 19:10.
- Other Christians are at work⁹

⁶ Isaiah 2:4; 65:23

⁷ Philippians 1:20–21

⁸ Luke 17:20; 18:24–25; 19:10

⁹ Colossians 3:12, 17