



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for Colossians 3:1-4:6

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

V 1 Once again, the chapters in the Bible are not always at natural divisions in the text. The words "therefore" in vs 1&5 and "so" in v12 are all the same Greek word "oûv". They form a **logical** link between all these verses, until 4v7 which begins with "As to all my affairs..." where the natural division really is. How many imperative verbs are there in 3v1-4v6 ?

V 2 What is the difference between the imperative verbs in v1 and v2 ?

V 3 Why should we consciously fix our thoughts on Heavenly things ?

V 4 When will being occupied with Heavenly things become obviously important ?

V 5 How should we use our thoughts to overcome sin ?

Vs 6-7 Who practices sin ? Is it normal for a Christian to live in sin ?

Vs 8-9 This second list of sins, to "also" avoid, concerns our words. Where is the "old man" with his bad language? (Note! The NASB mistranslates "old *ανθρωπον*" as "old self" but, the Greek word really is "old man". This is important because some believe Christians still have an old man along side of their new man. That is not true. We are not "schizophrenic".)

V 10 Regeneration, or New Birth, is the "putting off" of the old (cf. Col2v11 & Rom6v6) and the "putting on" of the new man (cf. 2Cor5v17). When does this happen according to this verse? ...in the past, when we were saved or in the future?

V 11 Who is exempt from sanctification?

Vs 12-13 What ARE we commanded to "put on"? List all 7 of the attitudes we should have.

V 14 How can we "put on" all these good qualities? Is this the Fruit of the Spirit of God?

V 15 Whose peace should control our hearts? Was Jesus ever troubled?

Why does an attitude of gratitude keep us at peace?

V 16 Where should God's Word be? Is it a good idea to always listen to songs with no Scripture in the words?

V 17 What does "all things" mean in this verse?

V 18 It seems like this is a new natural division with a change of subject, but v23 says almost the same thing as verse 17, like a frame around a picture. The picture is practical ways we can do all things for the Lord and not just mankind. Why should wives be submitted to their husbands ? (Notice the reason.)

V 19 How can husbands best show love to their wives according to this verse ?

V 20 When is it permissible for small children to not obey ? (Notice the reason again !)

v 21 What happens to little children when fathers are too demanding ?

v 22 The Greek word (δουλοι) is not a hired servant, but a real slave. How, in this worst of human conditions, can a Christian face each day ?

Vs 23-25 The frame around this picture of life on earth is in God's hands. He sees it all and cares. Where will everyone finally "get the picture" ?

V 1 The 22 imperative verbs continue right across the chapter break. The subject of slavery also crosses into this chapter. Who are these Christians being addressed ?

Vs 2-4 How should we pray ?

Vs 5-6 How should we talk to non-believers ? Does "making the best of every opportunity" with grace and salt of the truth take preparation ?