

WHY WE SING (COLOSSIANS 3:15-17)

Primary scripture text:

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

Primary point:

When we gather as a church, we sing to affirm our oneness in Christ, to proclaim the glorious truth of Christ, and to express our gratitude for Christ.

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Supporting verses: Hebrews 2:11-12

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Supporting verses: 1 Samuel 16:7; Ephesians 5:18b-19

Applications:

- Keep short accounts and do your best to resolve offenses as soon as you become aware of them. (Matthew 5:23-24)
- Meditate on a Bible verse on Sunday morning so that the word of Christ is fresh on your mind. (Colossians 3:16)
- Express gratitude daily by thanking one person who has positively influenced you or telling God about one thing in your life you appreciate.