

Projection from the Sunday Morning Meeting - 12.29.2019
"Sing the Word" - Kevin Khoffie

Message Bible Passage:

Colossians 3:16-17, "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."

Question: Why does the Lord repeatedly tell us to sing?

Singing enables the word of Christ to dwell in us that we might worship God in every area of our life

Colossians 1:19-20, "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross."

1) Singing helps us to remember the gospel

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A. What does Paul mean when he says the "word of Christ" since Jesus said a lot of things?

I Corinthians 1:18, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"

"It [the word of Christ] must dwell in us; that is, be always ready and at hand to us in everything, and have its due influence and use. We must be familiarly acquainted with it, and know it for our good..." - Matthew Henry

B. How should the word dwell in you richly?

- i. Letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly starts with turning away from sin and toward faith in Christ.
- ii. Letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly means allowing the truth and implications of the gospel to govern every aspect of your life.

Colossians 3:19, "Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them."

Romans 12:1, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

"Nominal awareness OF the gospel is radically different than being saturated WITH the gospel and governed BY the gospel." – Matthew Williams

- iii. Letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly brings prosperity to the soul.

So how do we achieve this? How do we get to the point where we let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly?

1. By teaching and admonishing each other in all wisdom
2. By Singing
 - a. Singing is Christ-Centered
 - b. Singing is instructional by nature
 - c. Singing is corporate
Ephesians 5:19: addressing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart
 - d. Singing is diverse

- 2) Worship is bigger than singing

Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

- A. Our whole life should be an expression of worship
I Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
- B. We must always give thanks to God, the Father



“On Sundays, God wants us to do more than sing songs together and have wonderful worship experiences. He wants to knit the fabric of our lives together...A worshipping community is made up of individuals whose lives are centered around the Savior they worship together each week. A worshipping community expects to encounter God’s presence not only on Sunday mornings but every day. A worshipping community recognizes that passionate times of singing God’s praise flow from and lead to passionate lives lived for the glory of Jesus Christ!” – Bob Kauflin

Revelation 5:9-14, “...“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!...To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!...”