



# Redeeming Notes

“Loving, Living and Learning Differently (in 2007 and beyond)”, Colossians 3:12-17

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- ◆ Paul is saying that we have to **actively strive** to live out our Christian lives.
  
- ◆ In order for us to **clothe ourselves**, Christ must be **all in all** in our lives.
  
- ◆ Loving differently means loving **graciously** and **generously**.
  
- ◆ Living differently means being at **peace**.
  
- ◆ We learn differently through **study of the Word, worship, and work**.
  
- ◆ **Thankfulness** should be at the core of our lives.

## Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) What are some ways that you “actively strive” to live out your Christian life? Are there things you plan to do differently in 2007 and beyond? Are there new things you’d like to do? Are there some things you need to stop doing?
  
- 2) Discuss as a small group the ways in which the love Paul speaks of might be manifested in the body of Christ.
  
- 3) As a small group, compare the “fruits of the Spirit” Paul speaks of in Galatians 5:22-23 with Colossians 3:12-17. Are there similarities? Are there differences?
  
- 4) Is your relationship with Christ noticeable by your words of love? What about your actions?
  
- 5) Thinking about the peace that Paul talks about, do your life’s priorities and motives line up with God’s will for your life for His kingdom or are you “going it alone”?
  
- 6) What does it mean to be content? How should contentedness play itself out in the life of a Christian? In the life of the church?
  
- 7) Are there other ways in which a person might “learn differently” besides the Word, worship and work?
  
- 8) Do you agree that thankfulness is at the core of why we should strive to make Christ “all in all” in our lives?