

# What Our Position Should Look Like in Word and Deed

*Scripture Reading:*

**Colossians 3:1-4:1**

**I just found something God left  
out of the Bible:**



**Our opinion!**

# INTRODUCTION

- “Just Do It!”
  - Under Mosaic Law, men were to ‘just do the right thing by their own personal effort
  - But the list of actions of proper relationships in Col 3:18-4:1 is preceded by divine enablement of “Christ in you and you in Christ
    - cf Col 1:27
  - Phil 1:27 reveals that “I can do all things (all the works of Eph 2:10) by means of the One strengthening me – Christ”

# Provided Enablement

- Our position in Christ is our new identity!
  - Col 2:11-13 - Buried, raised, alive in Christ
- The place to set our focused thinking
  - Col 3:1-3

# Planned Behavior (Col 3:5-17)


Putting to death - “putting off” - the behavior of the Old Man (vs 5, 8-9)




Putting on the behavior of the New Man (vs 12-15)



“Allow the Word (discourse) of the Christ dwell in you (your thinking) abundantly” (vs 16)



Summary of this planned behavior: “Do all things (in word or deed) in the name (character) of the Lord Jesus...”



“...while giving thanks to God the Father”

# Produced in Actions

## (Col 3:18-4:1)

- **Marital words and works (vs 18-19)**
  - **Wives to husbands:**
    - Submit for the benefits of his headship/leadership
  - **Husband to wives:**
    - Do love them
    - Don't be bitter toward them

# Produced in Actions (continued)

## (Col 3:18-4:1)

- Family words and works (vs 20-21)
  - Children to parents: vs 20
    - “Obey” – literally ‘to listen under’, ‘pay attention unto action’
      - “In all things” (that are righteous)
      - “That is well-pleasing to the Lord”
  - Fathers to children: vs 21
    - Do not stimulate to discouragement, passionlessness
      - Be fair and understanding with rules, regulations, and requirements

# Produced in Actions (continued)

(Col 3:18-4:1)

- **Workplace words and works: vs 22-25**

- **Employees to employers:**

- “Obey” – literally, to listen under, pay attention unto action
  - “In all things” (that are righteous)
  - “Not with man pleasing eye-service”
  - “But with fear” (of missing out on God’s best)
  - Proper motivation: we co-inherit with Christ (Rom 8:17)

- **Employers to employees: vs 4:1**

- “Providing that which is just and equal” (to their rendered service)
- “While knowing your Master in Heaven is dealing righteously and equitably with you”



# CONCLUSION

- We can only actively perform these righteous relationships of Colossians 3:17-4:1 as we consistently remember and then **utilize** our salvation (us in Christ and Christ in us)
- ‘Just Do It’ - through our graciously provided relationship with Christ and NOT in our own strength