



Lesson Six = Jesus is First Because of His Relationships

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TEXT: Colossians 3:18-4:1

Introduction: On Sunday nights we are doing a parallel study to the book of Ephesians (our Sunday morning series). The book of Ephesians explains how Jesus should be seen as our first love. The book of Colossians reveals why Jesus is first. In this lesson we will notice that Jesus is first because of His relationships. The apostle Paul points out that there is not a single relationship we engage in that Christ is not a part of, because we exist in Christ. Our relationship with Him will affect our family, our work, and our overall perspective on life. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Our Relationship With Christ Affects Our Family (3:18-21)

- A. A Christian woman should have a good relationship with her husband (3:18).
- B. A Christian man should have a good relationship with his wife (3:19).
- C. A Christian child should have a good relationship with their parents (3:20).
- D. A Christian parent should have a good relationship with their children (3:21).

II. Our Relationship With Christ Affects Our Work (3:22, 4:1)

- A. A Christian servant should have a good relationship with their master (3:22).
- B. A Christian employee should have a good relationship with their employer (3:22).
- C. A Christian master should have a good relationship with their servant (4:1).
- D. A Christian employer should have a good relationship with their employee (4:1).

III. Our Relationship With Christ Affects Our Soul (3:23-25)

- A. A Christian should have a good relationship with all men (3:23).
- B. A Christian should have a good relationship with the Father (3:23-25).
- C. A Christian should have a good relationship with the Son (3:23-25).
- D. A Christian should have a good relationship with the Holy Spirit (3:23-25).

Conclusion: Jesus needs to be first in your life. He deserves to be first in your life. He wants to take an active role in your salvation and in your daily walk with God. He wants to be your Savior! Have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation? Will you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you committed your life to Him? Have you been cleansed by His precious blood? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Are walking daily by the Savior's side?