

Self-Government

Colossians 3:15 – 4 Aspects

1. Ruled – by the peace of Christ
2. A command you cannot do
3. Ruled – in your heart
4. What is the peace of Christ?
 - Be thankful

1. What is your understanding of autonomy?
2. Why is self-government necessary for freedom to exist?
3. Is there ever a case to be made for a totalitarian government?
4. Explain what the peace of Christ is. Is it narrow? Broad? What are its aspects and why does it belong to Christ?
5. After saying so many times in preceding verses that we need to “put on” or “put off”, why does Paul now command that we “let” (v15)?
6. How does the peace of Christ ‘rule’? What makes this peace an arbiter (which is the meaning behind this word)?
7. Why does this peace have to be ruling in our hearts? What does it mean to have it in your *heart*?
8. What are the decision points we face constantly that require an arbiter in our hearts?
9. Paul returns to a command in which we take an active role – be thankful. Why does a command to be thankful follow a command to let peace rule?
10. For what should we be thankful?
11. How does thankfulness contribute to peace and unity?