

# GPS: Grow—Pray—Study - Sunday, June 1, 2014

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday, when we joyfully welcome the young men and women of Galilee who are affirming the baptismal vows made on their behalf by their parents and this congregation. These are the infants we saw baptized years ago, the children we promised to help nurture in faith, these young people who stand proudly before us today.

The confirmands have attended a confirmation class on Sunday afternoons, where they received instruction in Scripture and the beliefs and history of our church. They are making a personal choice for Jesus Christ, when previously this promise was held for them in trust by others.

Our Scripture today is Colossians 3:15-22, which lays out a blueprint for what is expected of a mature Christian living the new life offered by our God:

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 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.*

*Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Bondservants, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.*

Sermon Notes

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## REFLECTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**MONDAY** “I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.” - *Psalms 119:106*

- Don't let confirmation be something that happens to you once, or that you watch happen to another believer. You have it in your own hands to confirm your faith in Christ, by acting on that faith every day.

**TUESDAY** “As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” - *Colossians 3:12*

- We remember the words, often repeated at weddings, that love is patient and kind. Don't be in a hurry today. Slow down, and be patient and kind.

**WEDNESDAY** “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” - *Colossians 3:15*

- The church should be the happiest place on earth, because we know we are not alone, or forsaken, but are bound for a good reward. Say a word of thanks about that today, either in prayer or by sharing the blessing with others.

**THURSDAY** “Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.” - *Colossians 3:23*

- Who are you working for? Is it for your employer? Is it for yourself? Is it for your family? No matter what you do, remember who you are working for and who you must always strive to please.

**FRIDAY** “So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” - *Colossians 3:1*

- Look up!

**SATURDAY** “Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” - *1 Thessalonians 5:8-9*

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** “Be gracious to all that are near and dear to me, and keep us all in thy fear and love. Guide us, good Lord, and govern us by the same Spirit, that we may be so united to thee here as not to be divided when thou art pleased to call us hence, but may together enter into thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior, who hath taught us to say ‘Our Father....’” —John Wesley