

**When You Pray: The Richness of the Message**  
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**Colossians 3:1-15 NLT**

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.*

**Colossians 3:16 NLT**

*Let the message about Christ, **IN ALL ITS RICHNESS**, fill your lives.*

The Richness of the Message...

**Gives us HOPE today.**

**Luke 18:27 NLT**

... *“What is impossible for people is possible with God.”*

The Richness of the Message...

**Gives us JOY today.**

**1 Peter 1:8 NLT**

*You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.*

The Richness of the Message...

**GATHERS us in community today.**

The Richness of the Message...

**SENDS us on mission today.**

*“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one”*

*– Mother Teresa*

The Richness of the Message...

**Gives us PEACE today.**

*“Emotions are like kids in the backseat. You can’t let them drive, but you also can’t stick them in the trunk!”*

**John 16:33 NIV**

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*