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**Baptist Church**



# Colossians 2020

## “Building a Strong Foundation” Growth Group Study Guide Week 8

**Colossians 3: 18 - 4:1**

### **Making Relationships Work**

Wk 1	02 Feb	Col 1: 1 - 14	<i>Praying Like Paul</i>
Wk 2	09 Feb	Col 1: 15 - 23	<i>The Supreme Question</i>
Wk 3	16 Feb	Col 1: 24 - 2:5	<i>Discovering Your Purpose</i>
Wk 4	01 Mar	Col 2: 6 - 15	<i>Deepening Your Roots</i>
Wk 5	08 Mar	Col 2: 16 - 23	<i>Pulling Out Weeds</i>
Wk 6	15 Mar	Col 3: 1 - 11	<i>Breaking Free From the Past</i>
Wk 7	22 Mar	Col 3: 12 - 17	<i>Hand Me Downs</i>
<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Col 3: 18 - 4: 1</b>	<b><i>Making Relationships Work</i></b>
Wk 9	05 Apr	Col 4: 2 - 6	<i>Knowing What to Pray For</i>
Wk 10	19 Apr	Col 4: 7 - 18	<i>Why We Need Each Other</i>

Read Colossians 3: 18 – 4:1.

Q.1 (v.18) What instruction is given to wives? Why is this so controversial? How would you define submission?

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Q.2 A dictionary definition of **Submission** is as follows: “*to arrange one’s self under a delegated authority*”. How does that help us with this passage?

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Q.3 What do you think is the difference between “Submit” and “Obey”?

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Q.4 Does submitting to authority mean that a person is somehow less important or less valuable than those who exercise authority? Reflect and explain.

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Q.5 (v.19) What instruction is given to husbands? What does it mean to not be harsh or bitter?

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Q.6 (v.19) The type of love Paul refers to in this verse is “**Agape**”, which is defined as “*based on commitment, not emotions or romance*”. How does that help us understand Paul’s message?

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Q.7 (v.20) What instruction is given to parents in this verse? List some ways that parents are sometimes guilty of provoking and discouraging their children? (Hint: Listen to sermon)

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Q.8 (v.22) Who is addressed in this verse? What practical equivalent is there today?

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Q.9 (v.23-25) How do a servant's (employee's) responsibilities to his master (employer) relate to his responsibilities to the Lord? What is the significance?

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Q.10 (v.23) How does this verse help us in our attitude towards work and employment?

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Q.11 (v.24) Who gives the ultimate reward that we receive for the work done in service in our work? What lessons can we learn?

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Q.12 (v.25) Define partiality or favouritism. Think about ways we expect this from others.

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Q.13 How does this passage help us in the challenges of our relationships with God and others?

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