



## “Gospel-Centered Relationships”

Colossians 3:1-17

### LISTEN

*Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:*

### SHARE

Reflect on the past week. Tell about a time when the gospel made a positive difference in the way you related to another person. (Or, if you want to be bolder – describe a time when you related to another person in a way contrary to the gospel.)

---

---

---

---

---

### REFLECT

- a) Review Colossians 3:1-17.
- b) What is the significance of the word “therefore” in this passage (see vss. 5, 12)?  

---

---

---

---
- c) According to this passage, what are some relationship styles and behaviors that are out of line with the gospel?  

---

---

---

---
- d) What explains the fact that Christians often choose to relate to each other in those inappropriate ways?  

---

---

---

---

---

---

e) The gospel tells us that we are more sinful than we ever dared imagine, yet more loved than we ever dared hope. How does knowing and believing those truths enable a person to love someone else well?

---

---

---

---

---

**APPLY**

a) Of the many “love directives” in this passage, which one stands out to you as particularly relevant to your situation right now?

---

---

---

---

b) List the truths of the gospel that Paul enumerates in this passage. Personalize them, substituting the word “I” wherever Paul says “you.”

---

---

---

---

---

c) How often did you preach the gospel to yourself this past week? Are you satisfied with that?

---

---

---

---

d) How well do you feel Colossians 3:1-17 is lived out at our church? Where are we strong, and where are we weak?

---

---

---

---

---

e) What might you do to increase the love level at UPC?

---

---

---

---

---

**PRAY**

a) Using this week’s passage of Scripture, ask God to empower us at UPC to relate to one another in line with the gospel.

b) Pray for the upcoming Marriage Retreat October 10-12 at Cocoa Beach. Pray that the couples who participate will experience renewal and community.

c) Next Sunday we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Pray that we will come to church prepared to receive all that God wants to give us.

d) Pray for Seth Hammond as he works with our Life Groups to enhance and deepen the level of community at UPC.