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B. Habitually focus & Center heart, thoughts, Jesus-Heart very essence life. That is what Jesus wants from us, our hearts

- a. Concentrate fact resurrected Jesus-need live resurrection power
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 - i. Freedom from pain, sorrow, suffering, sickness, stress, anxiety, depression, anger

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 - i. Pure, Holy, righteous, loving
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- 2. Depressed person meditates how awful, wretched, ugly sinner they are
 - a. Our thought-life often destructive
 - i. Tear self apart for sinful words/actions
 - ii. We all have evil thoughts
 - 1. Don't meditate on jealousy, envy, anger, malice, lustful, greedy, slanderous thoughts
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- 3. Vs. 3 Don't you realize dead world
 - a. Buried w/ Christ through baptism
 - b. "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" Rom. 6:3
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- 5. Vs. 5-6 Put death, deprive all earthly carnal thoughts
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 - b. Wrath God coming sons disobedient who obstinately disregards God's precepts
 - i. Yes on the disobedient but also on the church if continue to walk in these ways
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4. Must live resurrection life-concentrate who we are Jesus & not on all worldly struggles, pain, sorrow & problems.
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D. Vs. 10-11 "And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its creator. Here there is no gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free but Christ is all, and is in all."

- 1. Cloth yourself new spiritual self - continually being renewed, remolded into fuller, more complete knowledge of God. Realizing who you are, made in the image and likeness God

2. Believers are equal in Christ without distinction

E. Vs 12 “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy [set apart, sanctified for his purpose] and dearly loved [by God himself], clothe yourselves [put on a heart of] with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” These characteristics have “power endure whatever injustices or unpleasantness that comes, with good temper” Amp.

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1. Need bear graciously with one another
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3. God demonstrated his unconditional love toward us giving thee ultimate love gift of His only begotten Son die for sins so we can be forgiven, through confession. Then be set free from all condemnation

H. Vs. 15 “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

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3. Key peace is always being thankful to God in every circumstance
4. Victory overcoming all circumstances is a heart of thanksgiving

I. Vs. 16-17 "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

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3. Notice that giving thanks or having gratitude in hearts is mentioned 3 times in verse 15, 16, 17

J. Conclusion:

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