<u>Series</u>: A THRIVING HOME <u>Title</u>: Determine to Have a Christian Home <u>Text</u>: (Col 3:15-21)

Introduction

(A House is a Place) Vs. (A Home is made of People)

A Christian Home is where people live their Christian faith each day.

I. Three Homes We All Need: We all should have 3 homes.

A. We need to know that we have a Heavenly Home.

- 1. Repent of our Sins: (Acts 3:19)
- 2. Ask the Lord to forgive our sin: (Mk 1:15)
- 3. By faith Receive the Lord Jesus Christ: (Jn 11:27)
- 4. We have a Heavenly Home: (John 14:1-3)

B. We should have a Good Church Home.

- 1. You can not underestimate the influence of church
- 2. God's Will is Everyone to be Saved: (2 Pet 3:9)
- 3. Every Saved Person to be Baptized: (Matt 28:19)
- 4. Everyone is to be an active member. (Acts 9:26)
- 5. Christ is the foundation & the head of the church.
- 6. The church strengthens the home

C. We Need a Strong Christian Home.

1. Satan is real, families are falling apart everywhere.

II. What Makes A Home Christian?

- A. Many claim to be a Christian but don't have one.
- B. Some-Salvation testimony, but not a Christian home

What makes a home Christian? The Christian Life being Lived in a House sets the Foundations for a Christian Home.

- C. Intentionally Living Our Faith: (Vs 8-9)
- **D. Intentionally Embodying Christ's Character (Vs 10)** (Rom 12:2) through God's Word.

III. <u>The Ingredients of a Christian Home</u>: (Col 3:12-13) Consider them carefully:

IV. <u>The Infrastructure of the Christian Home</u> 1 **PEACE:** (Vs 15a)

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- A. A Christian home is a place of PEACE
- B. Peace with God vs Peace of God. (Rom 5:1) "
- C. Christ came to earth to give Himself on the cross. He bled & died for our sins, (Heb 2:9) God punished sin in the body of His own Son (2 Cor 5:21)(1 Cor 15:1-4)(Rom 1:16)

When we ask Him to forgive our sin and by faith receive Him as our Savior, we are born into God's family. (1 John 5:1) We become children of God, & <u>We have **Peace WITH** God.</u>

<u>Peace WITH God</u> doesn't mean we have the <u>Peace OF God</u>. (Phil 4:5-7)(Psalm 119:165)

2. THANKFULNESS: (Vs 15)

- A. In a Christian home we find Thankfulness.
- B. Thankful God they have something to eat.
- C. Thankful God they have something to wear.
- D. Thankful they have their family member;

3. <u>THE WORD OF GOD</u>: (Vs 16)

(Ecc 10:10) (Deut 6:6-9) (Deut 11:18-20)

V. <u>The Instruction Of a Christian Home</u>: (Col 3:16-17) (Vs 16) *"teaching and admonishing."*

1. <u>CHRIST-HONORING MUSIC</u>: (Col 3:16-17) A. <u>Christian Home needs a Hymnal</u>

2. <u>THE LOVE OF CHRIST</u>: (Vs 17a)

A. There is a difference between "word" and "deed."

3. ACCOUNTABILITY TO CHRIST: (Vs 17)

(Prov 22:6)(Prov 29:15)(Rom 14:11-12)

- A. To Have a Christian Home, takes Intentionality:
 - 1. Placing in it the 7 Ingredients.
 - 2. Covering it in the
 - 3. Having each individuals playing their Roles.

VI. The Individuals Of a Christian Home

- A. WIVES: (Vs 18) "submit."
- B. HUSBANDS: (Vs 19) "love."
- C. CHILDREN: (Vs 20) "obey."
- D. FATHERS: (Vs 21) "provoke not"
 - 1. Unrealistic expectations: (Eph 6:4)
 - 2. <u>Hypocrisy</u>.
 - 3. An Unforgiving Spirit.
- Make your home a place of Peace, not a Battleground.
- Eliminate Murmuring & Complaining from your home.

- Take time to read God's Word & pray together as a family each day.
- Fill your home with music that honors Christ.
- Do not laugh at things that you have told your children are sinful.
- Teach your children that we are all personally accountable to Jesus Christ.
- Submit to the leadership of your husband, even if he is not all he should be.
- Love your wives & make this commitment, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- Do not provoke your children to wrath by Hypocrisy, Unrealistic Expectations, or an Unforgiving spirit.