

**The Home Where Christ Rules
Colossians 3:18-21
Pastor Conley**

Review:

Almost nothing touches us all so powerfully as a sermon on the family. We're all part of a family, and we all need to grow in our respective responsibilities. Pastor Conley called these four simple verses "Pocket-sized" Christianity. If these things are being lived out in a home, they put the gospel on display. Those that live in a home like this are able to see that true Christianity powerfully affects the most "common/mundane" parts of life. These commands are not difficult to understand, but they are impossible to obey in our own strength. Let's ask for grace and trust in the power of the gospel as we seek growth in these areas.

Outline review:

The outline simply followed the main point of each of the four verses.

Application:

1. Is Colossians 3:18 popular in today's society? Does this verse teach that men are better or more capable than women?
2. Does our contemporary society give us a healthy picture of husbands who love their wives? What does it mean to "love" someone? How does I Corinthians 13 inform our understanding of love?
3. In vs. 20 are children (and teens) given the option of when they can obey their parents? Are you allowed to disobey unreasonable parents? Are you allowed to disobey parents who don't obey vs 18, 19, and 21 of this chapter?
4. Based on vs. 20 who are you pleasing if you obey your parents? If you disobey your parents who else are you disobeying?
5. Does vs. 21 mean that dads can't spank their kids? Does it mean dads shouldn't have rules? Does it mean dads will always do what's right?