**Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly**

Colossians 3:1-17 (key verse 3:16)

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.

Why has Colossians 3:16 been chosen as the key verse for the year 2021?

We have been struggling amid pandemic. People are confused not knowing what to do. Each one faces one's own challenge. No one can solve one's problem by oneself. Yet Almighty God can. The Holy Spirit can. How? Through the word of God. We are easily filled with worry, anxiety and fear for the future. God wants us to be filled with the Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit means to be filled with his word because the Spirit is the Spirit of the truth, and the Spirit works through his word. When we fill our hearts and souls with the word of God, and earnestly ask for God's mercy, he answers us. Through his living word, he enables us to overcome all the challenges. He works powerfully through the word for world campus missions. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." God will surely help us not only overcome the challenges but also sing praises of him with gratitude in our hearts to God. In these times of trail, may God reveal his glory through our obedience to his word. Amen!

1. Since believers have been raised with Christ, what should they seek (1)? What does it specifically mean to “set your hearts on things above”?

2. What should we set our minds on (2)? Why should we do so (3)? What is the hope of believers whose life is now hidden in God (4)?

3. What should Christians do about whatever belongs to their earthly nature (5-9)? What is God’s purpose for us when we have put on the new self (10-11)?

4. As God’s chosen people, what virtues should we put on (12-13)? What can bind all these together (14)?

5. How should believers with the new self live (15-17)? What is the secret to living this kind of life (16)? How can we let the word of Christ dwell in us richly?