



## CHILDREN BROCHURE

### MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

**S. – Seek & Submit**  
**H. – Hear & Heed**  
**I. – Imagine & Insight**  
**F. – Focus & Function**  
**T. – Totally Transformed**

## S.H.I.F.T.

**Age: 13 yrs. & Over**

**February 7**

*Sing with me:*

New Life in Christ - John W. Peterson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Eq1JJCDnHI>

1. Gone is the guilt of my sin,  
Peace is now reigning within;  
Since I believed, pardon received,  
Happy, so happy I've been!

Chorus

New Life in Christ! Abundant and free!  
What glories shine, what joys are mine,  
What wondrous blessings I see!  
My past with its sin,  
The searching and strife,  
Forever gone, there's a bright new dawn!  
For in Christ I have found New Life!

2. Brighter the journey each day,  
Tho' there is much to dismay;  
Heaven awaits - Bright pearly gates,  
There at the end of the way.

3. Come with your sin-burdened heart,  
Christ will his cleansing impart;  
He will forgive - in him you'll live,  
O how the joy bells will start.

## Memory verse:

Colossians 3:2. (International Children's Bible) ICB

2 Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth.

## Scripture

Colossians 3:1 – 17 ICB

## Read with me

Your New Life in Christ

3 You were raised from death with Christ. So aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth. 3 Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. 4 Christ is your[a] life. When he comes again, you will share in his glory.

5 So put all evil things out of your life. Get rid of sexual immorality and impure acts. Don't let your feelings get out of control. Remove from your life all evil desires. Stop always wanting more and more. This really means living to serve a false god. 6 These things make God angry.[b] 7 In your evil life in the past, you also did these things.

8 But now put these things out of your life: anger, bad temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and using evil words when you talk. 9 Do not lie to each other. You have left your old sinful life and the things you did before. 10 You have begun to live the new life. In your new life you are being made new. You are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God. 11 In the new life there is no difference between Greeks and Jews. There is no difference between those who are circumcised and those who are not circumcised, or people that are foreigners, or Scythians.[c] There is no difference between slaves and free people. But Christ is in all believers. And Christ is all that is important.

12 God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. 13 Do not be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, then forgive him. Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you. 14 Do all these things; but most important, love each other. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. You were all called together in one body[d] to have peace. Always be thankful. 16 Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and strengthen each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Everything you

say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

### **Let us talk about it**

Last week we talked about an amazing man, the apostle Paul, who was miraculously changed to becoming an ambassador for Christ. Paul's life was transformed from being a persecutor of Christians to an inspiration for many people, to an encourager and a support of many young men, bringing them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We talked about Paul and his journey to Philippi, and we looked at the letter which he wrote to the Philippians. Today, we want to look at another letter which Paul wrote. Take a look at the map in the activity section of this lesson, and find the city of Colossae.

In chapter 4, verses 1 - 4 of Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul exhorts the Christians there to set their hearts on things which are above, to abandon the sins of their former lives, and to be merciful to one another. As children of God, Paul wants us to put away certain life styles and look to Jesus for guidance. Can you tell yourself that you are living the way Jesus wants you to live? Are you doing the things Jesus would have done? Okay. Let us say that your class mate was not being nice to you; he/she refused to share with you. Are you going to retaliate and say, "He did it to me, so I would do it back to him?" Or, maybe your friend is encouraging you to go against your parents' wishes.

In these days where you cannot go out to school, and classes are conducted online, are you logging on to class, or are you busy watching movies or other non-classroom activities with your friends? Paul wants us to turn to Christ for guidance. Paul reminds us that as Christians, we are to put all evil things out of your life. Get rid of sexual immorality and impure acts. Don't let your feelings get out of control. Remove from your life all evil desires. Stop always wanting more and more. (V5) Remember the TV add, "I am in control of my life, I will not let anyone control me." As you look to heaven, God will control your life, then we can safely say we will choose to do what is right.

In verses 8 and 9, Paul actually helps to guide us to this new life. Paul writes, 8 "But now put these things out of your life: anger, bad temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and using evil words when you talk. 9 Do not lie to each other." He does not just leave us there. Read verses 12, 13, 14; So always do these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. 13 Do not be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, then forgive him. Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you. 14 Do all these things; but most important, love each other. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.

In response to a question which a young man asked, Jesus told him "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40.



If you want it for yourself, then you give it to others. Also, in talking to His disciples, Jesus told them, John 13:34-35 34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Yes. Love is the key to having a new life in Christ. Let us love God and love one another so that we can reflect the new life we have in Christ.

### **Let us pray**

Heavenly Father, Your Word declares that I must forget the former things and not dwell on the past. So God, I thank You for putting something new in my life and for helping me to move forward. Help me to understand this new way is good, and it is from You. Prepare me for the new and wonderful things you have in store for my life. Help me to let go of those old things that could keep me living in the past, and give me a new identity with Jesus Christ. These things I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

## Activity

A. Read Colossians Chapter 3: 1 – 17 and then answer the following questions.  
(The answers are in the verses given at the end of the question.)

- 1) What is the argument for the Christian seeking the things above? (Colossians 3:1)
- 2) When one has appropriated these facts regarding his identification with Christ, of what can he be assured? (Colossians 3:3)
- 3) Until what time the believer's security is wholly in Christ's hands? (Colossians 3:4)
- 4) Why should every Christian seek to be free of the habits that characterize unsaved people? (Colossians 3:6)
- 5) To what is the old nature or old man compared in this verse? (Colossians 3:9)
- 6) What is the logical result of relating one's self to the Christ of heavenly places? (Colossians 3:10)
- 7) What is said about one's racial background as being a qualification for this renewing work of the Spirit? (Colossians 3:11)
- 8) What is to become of those who are the elect of God? (Colossians 3:12-13)
- 9) What is the great bond, or preservative force, of Christian character? (Colossians 3:14)
- 10) How should the hymns be sung? (Colossians 3:16)

B. Let us take a visit to Colossae. In the word search below, we are looking for words associated with a visit to Colossae. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards or forwards.

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## WORD SEARCH

### Colossae

Keep your eyes and ears open for the words below both in the word search and as you journey through Colossae!




S	D	V	T	Y	U	T	T	U	Q	S	E	R	J	I
E	F	M	L	H	H	U	Z	B	U	H	V	F	H	Y
P	N	Z	S	E	R	E	X	C	H	P	A	W	F	O
A	S	O	A	R	C	E	Y	M	O	R	S	B	D	L
R	P	T	T	N	E	L	S	M	E	L	K	C	I	S
G	E	A	I	T	R	W	E	H	E	O	E	B	K	S
R	T	U	U	E	O	G	O	J	I	K	A	K	D	N
N	Q	R	V	L	R	C	P	L	O	N	L	N	K	A
P	Z	I	M	A	Q	S	Q	H	F	C	G	X	P	I
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E	W	A	T	E	R	P	I	P	E	S	S	V	W	L
R	O	Z	C	C	Q	J	H	Q	Z	F	Z	F	S	O
Y	O	C	S	S	U	R	F	R	H	A	W	G	C	



Colossians  
Sickle  
Cotton  
River Lycus  
Threshing

Grapes  
Grain  
Pomegranate  
Quince  
Volcanic Ash

Pottery  
Theater  
Wildflowers  
Water Pipes  
Paul

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C.



Map showing cities that Paul visited. Circle 4 cities that Paul sent letters to.

What did Paul do when he was not travelling, or in prison, or writing letters, or preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ?

What can you do when you are not studying the Bible, or doing school work? It is time to “Pause”. Join me in a game of Tic-tac-toe. How many games will you win? Try 10 games to start.

<https://gametable.org/games/tic-tac-toe/>

From last week:

- 1 – E
- 2 – C
- 3 – A
- 4 – D
- 5 – B