COLOSSIANS – 3:14-15

"And above all these things put on charity,
which is the bond of perfectness."

- Colossians3:14

1. **3:14 – What is Charity –** *def.* love that does good to the benefit of others.
    a. What is charity? – Let the Bible define it: Rom 14:15,19,21, 15:2-3
    b. Love *def.* An affection for something with pleasing qualities, beauty, or worth
    c. "Charity" is correct in 1 Cor 13:5-6. Compare with Luke 6:32.
    d. Love can be for greed, selfishness, pride – John 3:19, 12:43, 2 Tim 4:10, 1 John 2:15
    e. Love is blind, but charity looks upon others - 1 Cor 8:1-3, Phil 2:2-4
    f. Abilities without charity is only entertainment – 1 Cor 13:1
    g. Understanding without charity is nothing – 1 Cor 13:2, 2 Tim 2:2
    h. Sacrifice without charity is not profitable – 1 Cor 13:3, Mat 19:21

2. **3:14-15 - The Bond of Perfectness**
    a. Charity is the more excellent way - 1 Corinthians 12:31
    b. It is the greatest virtue – 1 Cor 13:13, Col 3:14
    c. The perfectness (completion) is in Christ – Col 2:10, Eph 4:3
    d. If you don't have peace with God, you can't be in unity – Eph 4:3
    e. The peace of God → Rom 5:1-2, Col 1:20
    f. Charity rejoices in truth, it seeks to edify – 1 Cor 13:5-6, Phil 1:9-10
    g. You can't rejoice in the truth if you don't know it – faith, hope, charity, 1 Tim 1:5
    h. It is charitable to restore and to build up in the truth – Gal 6:1-2, Eph 4:15-16