

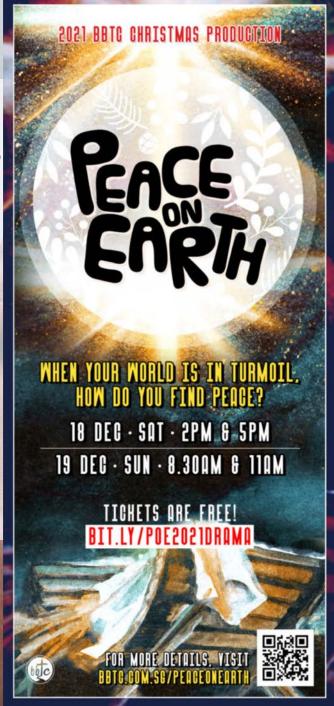
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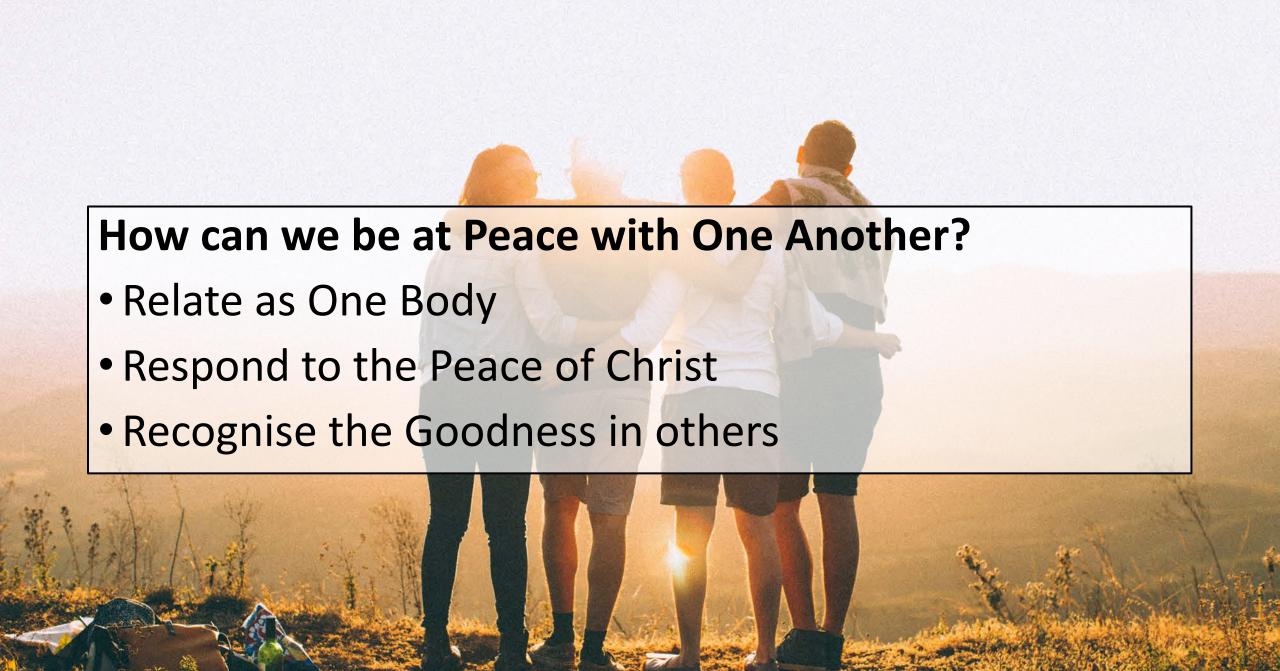
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Immediate Context of Colossians 3:15

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We need to understand Jesus' definition of One Body so that we can better relate with one another

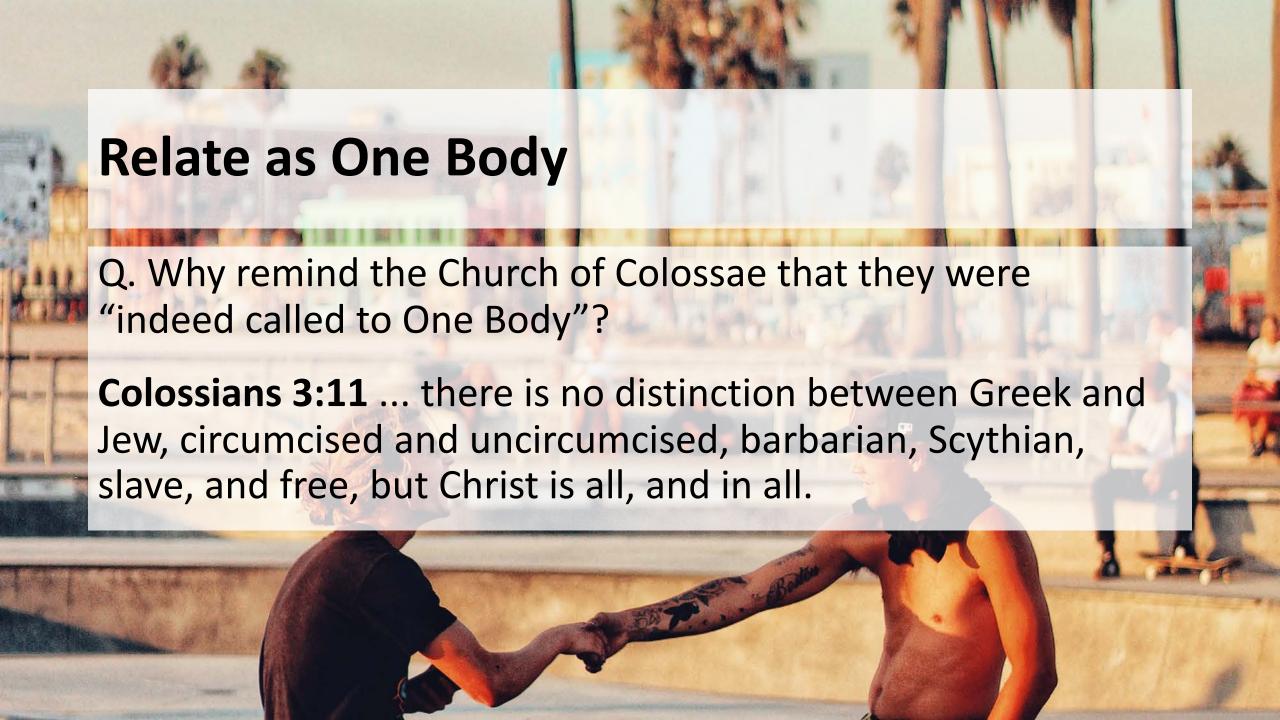
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Greek and Jew	Race – Privileged and Educated?
Circumcised and Uncircumcised	Ceremonial Standing – Clean?
Barbarian and Scythian	Culture – Are you Civilised?
Slave and Free	Social Caste – Free or in Bondage?



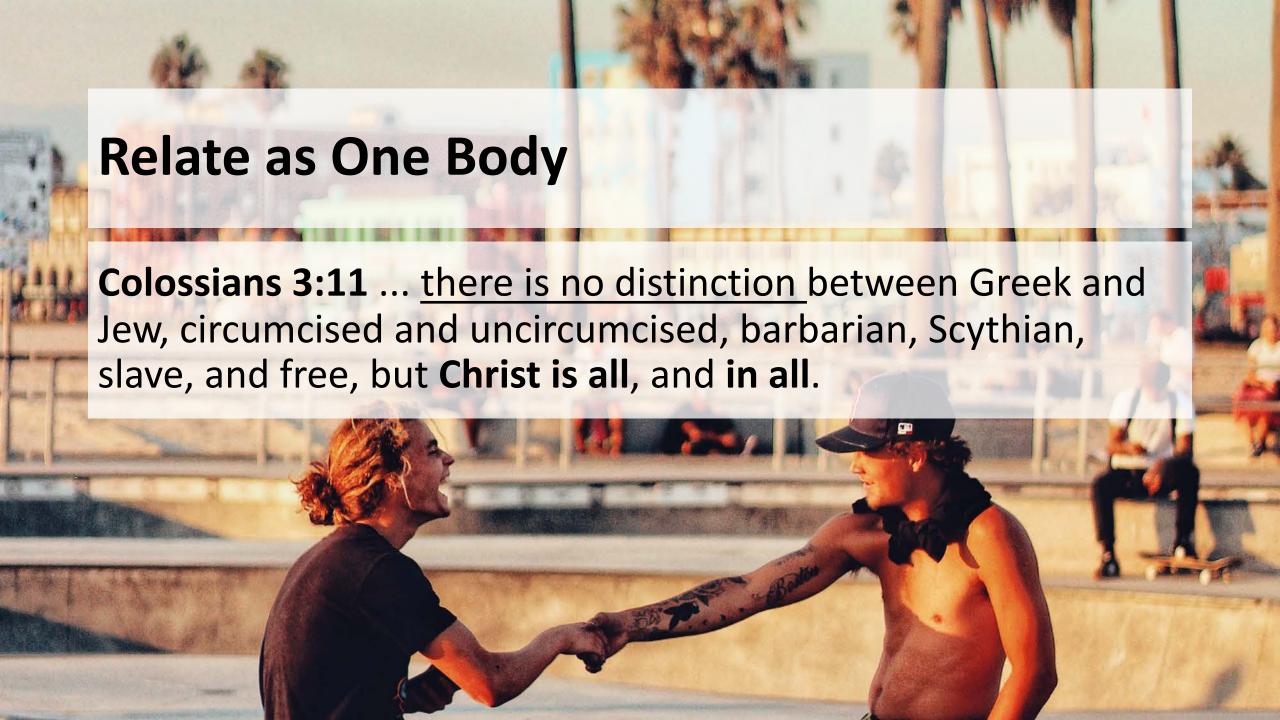




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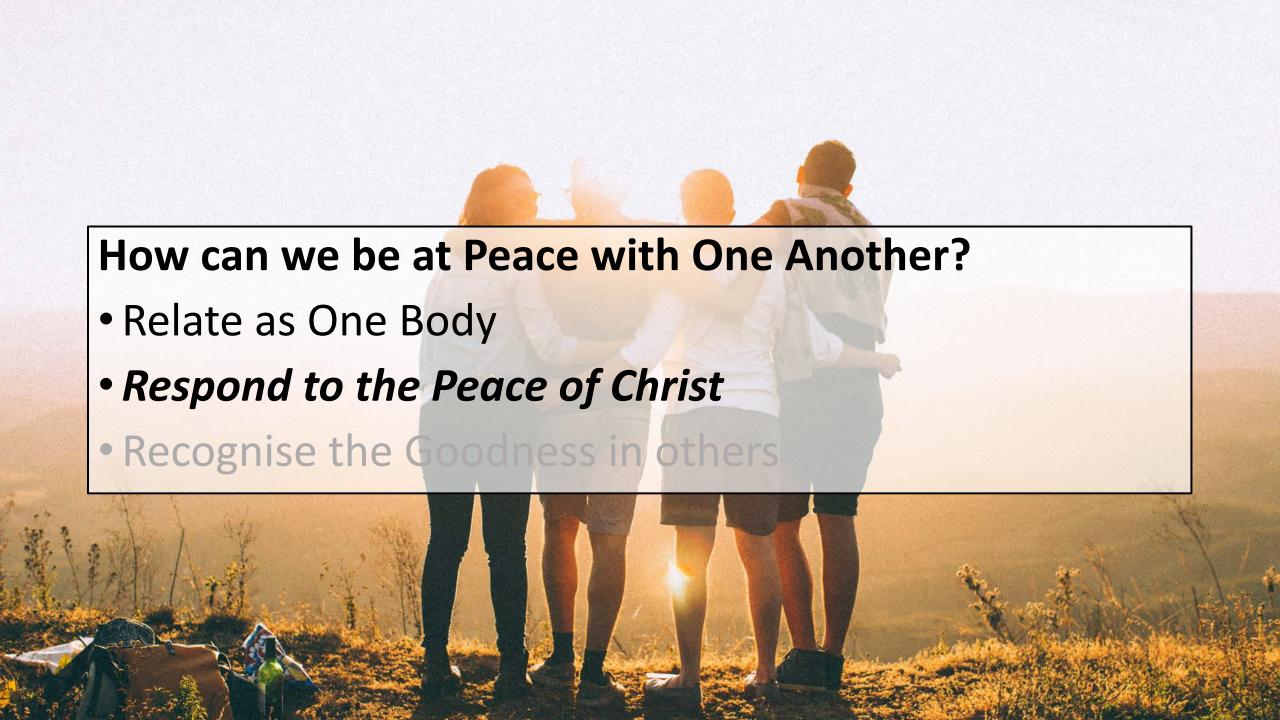
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Reflection:

Q. Is there someone whom you have discriminated against because he or she is so different from you?

Application:

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to renew your mind, heart and action, and how you can <u>better relate</u> to this particular brother or sister in Christ knowing that we are One Body in Him



To respond to the peace of Jesus to rule and influence our feelings and actions towards one another

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Colossians 1:21-22

²¹ And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, ²² yet He (Christ) has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

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Application:

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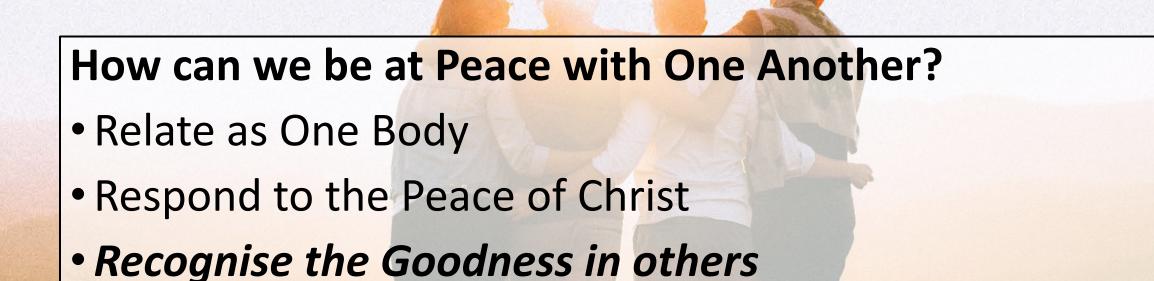
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Application:

- Q. How do I be at peace with the brother or sister whom I have issues with?
- We must choose to forgive and to love him or her as Jesus has forgiven us and loves us - unconditionally
 - Having the Peace of Christ to rule in our hearts means, even though you don't feel right, but it is important as God's chosen people, we choose to do what is right





Recognise the Goodness in Others

Be thankful for one another

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Q. What can we be thankful for?

a. Jesus

-In Him, we have the New Way of living in Him which is Unity (Col 1:21-22)

b. One Another

-We consider the goodness in others, especially those of them who are very different from us



Recognise the Goodness in others



Reflection:

-Remember the goodness of the brother or sister whom you have issues with

Application:

- -List down the goodness of the person whom you have issues with
- -What can you be thankful for him?



How can we be at Peace with One Another?

- Relate as One Body
- Respond to the Peace of Christ
- Recognise the Goodness in others