

SATURDAY

RECAP

CHAPTER THREE

At the end Ch. 3, we see a culmination of everything Paul has said so far. In Ch. 2, he lifts Jesus as the ultimate leader who offers rescue--not by exploiting his power and position, but by humbly serving. This is the mindset we also can, and should, have. Why? Because we are temples of the Spirit of God. If we let the Spirit of Jesus within us determine how we live, the world can catch a glimpse of what He's like.

From Ch. 3, we see that living a holy life won't make us any more worthy of God's approval. We can only receive acceptance from God by relying on what HE has done. Does this mean we're perfect? Not yet! But we know God has put his Spirit in us as a deposit of what's coming. Does that mean it doesn't matter how we live? Nope. Heaven made its home in us! So we live in our bodies as citizens of heaven and ambassadors to earth... bringing the culture of heaven everywhere we go. Our position with God isn't determined by how well or how poorly we represent him. But if we have a MIND like Christ, we will continue to grow in laying down our preferences, serving others, and walking in holiness.