The Church as a Living Eucharist – Colossians 3:15-17

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The true people of God are always people of grateful praise. It is no surprise, then, that *eucharistia*—joyful thanksgiving—is a significant theme in Paul's letters, especially his letter to the Colossians. But what does a church of joyful thanksgiving look like? What characterizes the church as a *living eucharist to God*?

1. We are umpired by the peace of Christ (15).

2. We are indwelled by the word of Christ (16).
   The indwelling word of Christ informs two practical aspects of the church:

   a. It informs our exhortation.
      Teaching and admonishing…in wisdom

   b. It informs our singing.
      Singing…with grace in your hearts

3. We are guided by the name of Christ (17).