

## **Great in RESTORING** Colossians 3:1-17 *Great Relationships* 5-1-16

Gardening in raised beds makes a big difference.

Christ has been raised! What impact does this make in our relationships?

### **1. THE NEW LIVING REALITY**

#### **\* Newly Raised & Soon To Rise**

~ We have been raised w/ Christ ... & will rise w/ him in glory!

~ Stop old way of living: Don't try to grow garden in cold, wet, clay

Practice new way to grow: Raised beds: good, warm, well-drained soil.

#### **\* New Heart & Mind Focus Love Jesus w/ all our heart & mind!**

~ Jesus our King rules to bring change that restores relationships.

~ New identity in Jesus! **v.3** Live into our new reality by loving Jesus!

HOW DO WE DO THIS? Hold on to Jesus Christ, our life, love, joy!

**Submit to Christ's rule** of peace toward each other.

**Be thankful ...** breathes the life of Jesus into our church community!

Grow in **God's Word & worship** together!

### **2. THE NEW RHYTHM TO RELATING**

#### **\* Kill Relationship Killers**

~ Killer talk: Rage & anger; slander & malice; abusive talk & lying

~ Loving Jesus, **make no excuses** for thinking or speaking like this.

~ New Rhythm: Take off old self & put on new self in Christ. **HC #89-90**

#### **\* Practice Relating To Restore**

~ **V.12** Kind & compassion; Humble & gentle; Patient & forgiving

We're Christ's family so act like Christ to family!

~ Love each other b/c we love Jesus who binds us in unity. **Col.3:17**