



# CONNECTIONS

Sermon notes - May 14, 2017

## Keyverse

*As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Colossians 3:12-13*

## Collision Perspective

*If we forget the gospel is for now—for sins we struggle with today, for areas where we still want to grow, for relationships that are broken—then we miss the rich treasure that belongs to us in Christ. Ken Sande*

1. What do you tend to feel and do when you're upset with someone? Check all that apply and explain.
  - Feel sad.
  - Get mad.
  - Isolate from others.
  - Look for someone to talk to.
2. Pastor Dan said that, if we're not careful, conflict can pull us in mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Another Christian leader said conflict stirs our deeply held *pride* and *fear*. What do you think? Why does conflict with another person often affect us so much?
3. What are the two "paths" of handling conflict you heard about in Dan's message? How is God's role different in each path? Be specific.
4. Read Colossians 3:1-14 together and note *what is true of us* because we belong to Christ (examples below). How should these truths change how we deal with conflict?

3:1—*I have been raised with Christ*

3:3—*I died and my life is now hidden with Christ in God*
5. What especially struck you from this study? How can you use what God is teaching you to deal better with a conflict you're experiencing right now?