

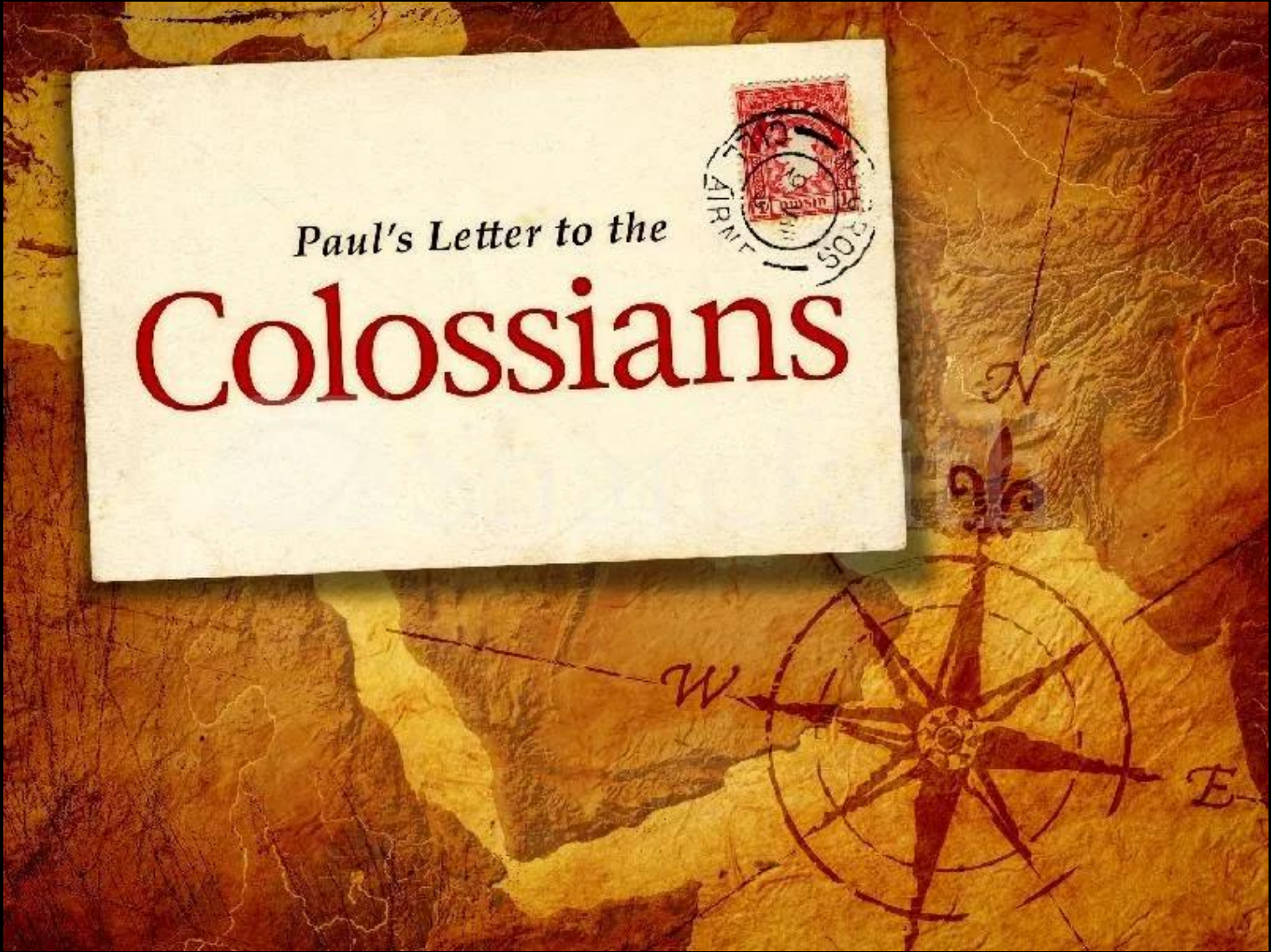
An aerial photograph of Prague, Czech Republic, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The Vltava River flows through the center of the city, with the Charles Bridge spanning across it. The city's architecture is visible, featuring red-tiled roofs and various church spires. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. Overlaid on the image is the text 'WELCOME to the International Baptist Church of Prague' in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

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**SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020**



# SERMON



*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Colossians**

**Colossians 3:18 – 4:1:  
“Christian Relationships”**

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**R U L E S**



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Hand wave to say hello  
Remove your shoes  
Wash your hands or  
sanitize  
Wear your face mask  
Practice social distance

# Your Marriage in Christ (3:18-19)

*Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. v18*

The term “submit” (*hupotassesthe*) was used as a military term referring to the order and obedience of soldiers in battle.





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Colossians 3:20

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*Fathers, do not embitter your children,  
or they will become discouraged. V 21*



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“I can’t sit with you at the table and pray asking God to bless our meal until I am right with you. I am sorry. What I said and how I acted was wrong.”



## Your Societal Role in Christ (3:22-4:1)

*<sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favouritism.*

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**“We apply the Household Codes most faithfully to our own lives, not when we use them to reinforce power structures and hierarchy, but when we use them to break those power structures down at the foot of the cross.”**

*Rachel Held Evans*

To  
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be the Glory!