

Colossians 3:8-17

“Out With The Old—In With The New”

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Last time in our Study of Colossians we looked briefly at end conclusion of Chapter 2 and the beginning of Chapter 3. (Chapter & Verse Divisions)

Paul contrasted dying with Christ and being raised with Christ.

Colossians 2:20

“Therefore, if you died with Christ.

Colossians 3:1

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”

Recently we had a public Baptism. (Listen)

Being raised with Christ and seeking those things which are above, refers to sharing the life of CHRIST. We should have a desire to be more like HIM each and every day. We should desire closer fellowship with HIM. We should desire a more intimate relationship with GOD the Father through JESUS; by the power of the Holy Spirt. We should strive for and desire to hear the words, “Well done; good and faithful servant!”

This ties into our life hidden in Christ. We talked about how JESUS, took our sins and nailed them to HIS cross. We talked about how we are to be in the world but not of the world.

Remember the analogy of the ship being in the ocean, but problems arise when the ocean gets into the ship. As Christians we are still in this world; but it tragic when the world gets into the Christian.

We talked about JESUS appearing and coming back for his Church.

Lets back up a little bit and finish our review.

Colossian 3:5-17

“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy

and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

In Colossians 3 verse 5, Paul tells the Church to put death their members and gives a list of sins; that primarily are sexual in nature.

Everything in our society is extremely focused sexually. The enemy knows how men and women are wired. He has structured things in away to divert our eyes from JESUS and to get us to stumble. How should we handle this?

1 Corinthians 6:18

“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”

Remember Joseph as an example;(the story with Potiphar’s wife.)

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

With every temptation the Holy Spirit will make or show the way of escape for us. It is important to remember that when the Holy Spirit begins to convict us of this type of sin and shows us the way of escape, **REMEMBER TO TAKE IT.**

Or if you in the same situation Joseph was in, what do you do; RUN!

Colossians 3:6-7

“Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.”

As we talked last time, GOD’s wrath slowly builds and burns with anger over sin and there is a day coming; soon; where God is going to pour out HIS wrath on a Christ rejecting world.

Colossians 3:8-9a

“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another.”

The intent to commit an unlawful act without justification or excuse.

- The words ‘**put off**’ means what it says—to put off or to lay aside. That once laid aside they are not to be part of us anymore.
- The word **anger** means the natural disposition of or temper, or character. A violent emotion.
- The word **wrath** in this verse is thumos, the same Greek word used in Colossians 3:6; describing GOD’s wrath. It would also mean explosive outbursts.

- **Malice** means a desire to cause harm, or to see others suffer; extreme ill will or spite. It also means the intent to commit an unlawful act without justification or excuse. The word in the Greek means badness in quality and the opposite of excellence.
- **Blasphemy** means to slander or use speech injurious to another's good name.

Blasphemy takes the "Good name" of GOD and uses it a curse word. Why is it that people use the Holy Blessed Name of JESUS as a filthy cuss word? Why don't they curse Buddha or Mohammed, or Allah?

There is power in the name of JESUS. HE is GOD and the Most High. The others were only men.

- Filthy language is self-explanatory, meaning obscene or vulgar language.

In verse 9a; the word lie means to not tell the truth. So it could intentionally deceiving by not answering a question, honestly. It could also mean withholding information, when asked. The sins listed in verse 5 are sensual sins. The sins listed in verse 8 to 9a are social sins.

It is interesting how people will consider themselves to be good people because they have never "committed murder;" or how they will minimize the sin of lying. "It was only a little "fib." "No one was hurt by it." "Everyone does it."

➤ *What did JESUS think about murder?*

Matthew 5:21-22

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."

JESUS took this pretty seriously; because murder doesn't just happen; it begins with anger and wrath in the heart. Which leads to malice and ultimately the physical act of murder.

What does GOD think about lying? Does HE consider it a small offense?

Revelation 21:8

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

As we concluded our study last time we talked about 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Here we see a list of sins in these two verses that will keep a person out of heaven. God takes sin seriously and one sin can keep a person out of Heaven. So there is no such thing as a "white lie or a fib." It is all lying. Satan is the father of lies; and when a Christian lies, he is cooperating with the devil.

We looked at these two verses just to see how serious GOD is about sin. In Colossians 3:5 we are to put death the sensual sins.

Colossians 3:8-9

"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds."

In Colossians 3:8-9 we are to put off the social sins. You may be here this evening as a believer and thinking; I've been angry with people, I have acted out of malice, I have lied; I am not good enough to enter Heaven.

As believers we will still fall into sin and will not be perfected until JESUS; comes to take us home. This passage in Colossians 3:8-9 does not refer to stumbling into sin, but a desire to be free from sin. It should not be a pattern or a lifestyle.

Colossians 3:9-10

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

Here in these verses Paul inserts another contrast; similar to the end of Chapter 2 with the beginning of Chapter 3. Being buried with Christ and being raised in Christ. In verse 9 and 10 we see put off the old man; which is our old sins nature; and to put on the new man or our new nature.

When you think of putting off the old man; think of grave clothes; and putting on the new man as our robes of Christ's righteousness. This is symbolic of JESUS's death, burial and Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 6:11

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

In Colossians 3:10, the word renewed is a present participle and mean to be continually renewed. When we come to Christ he makes us new creations.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

How are we renewed? In Colossians 3:10 we are renewed in knowledge and made in the image of Christ, our CREATOR. Where do we get knowledge about Christ to be renewed? The Bible.

JESUS said in Hebrews 10:7 "7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' ""

All of the scriptures point to JESUS. If you have a problem understanding a passage, insert JESUS into it and see if it makes sense.

Colossians 3:11

"where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all."

Here, Paul uses another contrast to show unity. The phrase neither Greek nor Jew, shows Gentile and Jew. Referring to national differences. He then changes it to Jew or Gentile with the phrase circumcised nor uncircumcised; to refer to religious differences.

The barbarians were viewed by the Greeks as one whose speech was crude. Foreign language to a Greek sounded like bar-bar bar bar, which is where the word Barbarian comes from.

The next word is something you may not be familiar with; and has an interesting history past and in the near future. The Scythians were known as the most savage of the barbarians. They were known to be skilled horsemen and archers. They were skilled to the point that that could shoot arrows accurately backwards while standing in their stirrups. The Scythians were from an area around the Caucasus mountains, North of Assyria and

modern Turkey. They are from the region between the Black and Caspian Sea. They are ancestors of the modern Russians.

The Greek word for slave in this passage is *doulos*; and means a slave. Typically *doulos* referred to one who sold themselves into slavery.

Free refers to one who was free born or had been released from slavery.

“Christ is all and in all.” Here we see that when a person comes to Christ; they become part of HIS body which is the Church. JESUS removes those barriers so there is no distinction between Greek and Jew on a national level, Jew and Gentile, on a religious level; people from different language groups; even the most violent; and no distinction in economic status.

HE inhabits all true believers.

Look what JESUS did with the disciples.

Luke 6:12-16

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.”

➤ *What do we know about some of the disciples?*

Simon (Peter) and Andrew his brother were fishermen.

James and John were also known as Boanerges; The Sons of Thunder.

Matthew was a tax collector, while Simon the Zealot would have attempted to overthrow the oppressive Roman government. He would have probably been considered a terrorist to Rome. Matthew as tax collector would have been hated by Simon. (Explain how tax collectors got their jobs.)

But in CHRIST; JESUS took enemies and people groups who hated each other and made them one in HIM.

The phrase Christ is all refers to the fact that HE is all we need. And in all; that HE inhabits all true believers; it does refer to the false belief of Pantheism where “GOD is in everyTHING.”

Look what JESUS has done in modern times; and knit us together from different people groups and backgrounds into one family.

Colossians 3:12-13

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

Let’s talk briefly about the phrase the elect of GOD. The word elect means chosen by GOD. To be elect means to have salvation in JESUS CHRIST. This election does not mean that other people are elected not to be saved.

1 Timothy 2:4

“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

John 3:16

"For God so loved the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Colossians 3:12

"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;"

The word holy means to be **set apart**; and in this verse holy means the most holy thing, a saint. All people who have received JESUS as their LORD and savior are saints.

Beloved is the Greek word agapao. A form of agape. In English we are limited for one word for love, love. We may say we love our family; or we love our pet; or we love a certain kind of food. Greek is a much more descriptive language.

The Greeks have four different words for love. Eros would refer to a sexual type of love. Phileo means a friendship type of love. Storge would refer to a familial type of love. Agape is the most intimate sacrificial form of love. GOD loves you unconditionally.

While in Colossians Chapter 3 verses five, eight and nine we are commanded to put off the sensual and societal sins and to put on the new man. As we talked about previously, this is symbolic of our death with JESUS and our new life in HIM through HIS Resurrection. In Colossians chapter 3 verses 12 and 13; to put on means to continually put on and refers to the Spirit filled life.

In our society we refer to the heart as the seat of emotion. But in the Greek society; the bowels were viewed as the seat of emotion and that from them the most violent form of emotion would come forth. Kind of gives a different impression when telling someone you love them with all of your heart.

In verse 12 to put on tender mercies means compassion; to have a heart of compassion towards others.

Kindness means to act with moral goodness or integrity towards others.

Meekness would mean a lessening of ourselves with a greater focus on God.

Longsuffering would refer to patience, endurance and perseverance. This is a characteristic of GOD, that we want HIM to have towards us.

Psalms 86:15

"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."

Romans 2:4

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

The attributes we just read about sound very similar to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

As believers we desire that the fruit of the Holy Spirit would be evident to those around us.

Colossians 3:13

"bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

Bearing with one another is really the Old English word forbearing; and it means to hold one another up.

An example of this would be when the Joshua and the Children of Israel were fighting the Amalakites. (explain and where was Moses, Aaron and hur)

Forgiving one another (Consider Peter's Example of asking JESUS, how many times.)

How should we handle things when we have a complaint with another? The Biblical principle on handling conflicts or complaints. Turn to Matthew 18.

Matthew 18:15-17

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector."

Colossians 3:14-15

"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

Put on love. Once again the word is agape. We are to have selfless and sacrificial love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. This binds us together in perfection or completeness. Our prayer here at Calvary Chapel Elk Grove is that all of the gifts of the spirit would be evident; but most importantly love. We are one body.

vs 15 **We cannot know the peace of God until we have made peace with GOD.**

The peace of GOD comes from surrendering and stopping to fight against HIM and accepting HIS peace treaty.(share the gospel)

Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

Be thankful. It is easier to keep our eyes on the LORD when we are thankful to HIM. Thankful for what he did for us on the Cross; thankful for the simple things. Sometimes it takes a trial to appreciate things that we might take for granted.

Colossians 3:16-17

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

What prominence does the Word of God, have in your life? (Share about video on the Bible over our phones) Is it the first thing you reach for in the day? The bible should be such a part of us that it should be automatic for us to turn there.

Richly in all wisdom; wisdom comes from GOD and the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD. As the Word fills you; the LORD may give you a verse to minister in a trial or circumstance you are facing. (share story about two ladies)

Interesting though about hymns. There is such depth and doctrine in some of the old hymns; that a sermon could be preached from the hymn. Saturate your heart with worship; because JESUS is worthy to be praised.

Colossians 3:17

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

This should be pretty self explanatory. Wherever you work; be it in the home; in the office out in the field; work as unto the LORD and do your best. We will continue next time in Colossians.

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