

# Colossians 3:1-17

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**Who Christ is**

**What Christ has  
done for us**

**How we live it out**



Colossians 3:1-4 – (Therefore) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



**Seek things above**

**Set your minds  
on what's above**

**Your life, hidden in  
Christ**



# Questions to Ponder

Where do your thoughts *dwell* , on the things above, or on earth?

Do you truly view yourselves as citizen's of Heaven (not of this world?)



**Therefore put to  
Death!**



- Impurity (Porneia) - All forms of sexual sin
- Impurity (Akatharia) - Filthiness and uncleanness)
- Passion & evil desire - Sexual lust created in the mind
- Greed (Pleonexia) - A desire to have more
- Idolatry (eidōlolatRIA) - The worship of false Gods.... Putting something before God.



**Ephesians 5:3-5- But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous ( that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**



# Questions to Ponder

How many of these are a challenge in your life?

How many of these things are a challenge in the church?



Colossians 3:8-9- But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices



- Anger (orgē) - A deep smouldering, resentful bitterness
- Wraith (thymos) - A sudden outburst of anger
- Malice (kakia) - Moral evil, bent on doing harm to others
- Slander (blasphēmia) - To slander people is the blaspheme God
- Obscene talk (aischrologia) -(in this context) Speech intended to wound or to hurt.
- Do not Lie (pseudomai)- (in this context) - To appear more spiritual



# Question to Ponder

Do any of these mark out who you are?



**Put Off**

**Put On**



Compassionate hearts - The seat of emotions. Give mercy, sympathy, compassion.

Kindness - Mellowing all that might be harsh.

Humility – The antidote for a self focused love.

Gentleness - It's the willingness to suffer injury instead of inflicting it.

Patience – Makrothumia – The patient person never gets angry at others.

Bearing with one another – to endure, to hold out in spite of persecution, threats, injury, indifference or complaints.

*This leads on to*

Forgiving one another – Charizomenoi, to be gracious.



Colossians 3:15-17 - And let *the peace of Christ rule in your hearts*, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let *the word of Christ dwell in you richly*, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, *do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus*, giving thanks to God the Father through him.