

Devoted to God: Colossians 3:1-17

- Six Important Reminders

1. To be s_____ is to be d_____ to God.
2. All b_____ are c_____ to be sanctified (I Peter 1).
3. Sanctification is a gospel i_____ that flows from gospel i_____ (Romans 12:1-2). What does this mean?
4. Sanctification is a r_____ of our u_____ with Christ (Galatians 2:20).
5. Since Christ d_____ to sin, we who are u_____ to Christ have also d_____ to sin. This is clearly p_____ in our b_____ (Romans 6:1-14).
6. Sanctified C_____ reject the d_____ of the f_____ (a negative) but live in the p_____ of the Holy Spirit and w_____ according to His d_____ (a positive –Galatians 5:16-17).

- An Overview of Our Passage

“The New Testament passages that are basic for our understanding of sanctification are related to each other. The underlying patterns are the same: indicative and imperative, negative and positive, the ongoing reality of our union with Christ. No passage more clearly illustrates this, or provides a more expansive illustration of it, than Colossians 3:1-17.”

1. What are the indicatives and imperatives of verses 1-4?
2. How do these phrases relate to your baptism (note Colossians 2:11-2, Romans 6:3-4)?
3. Paul uses “in Christ” over eighty times and “in the Lord” over forty times in his New Testament epistles (not to mention variations like “in Him”). Fergusun notes that Colossians 3:1-17 is “perhaps the most comprehensive passage in the New Testament to help us align our self-understanding to the apostolic norm.” How many references to our union with Christ do you find in our passage?
4. What negative command are we given in verses 5, 8, and 9? What positive command are we given in verses 10 and 12? Why do we need both?

Putting off the Old: A Survey of Colossians 3:5-11

- I. In Our Private Lives
 - A. Note the Connection Between I_____ Desires and O_____ Actions (verse 5)
 - B. Worshipping God Is R_____ by Placing Our S_____ Desires Before Him – Hence I_____
- II. In Our Everyday Lives
 - A. Note the Connection Between I_____ Desires and O_____ Speech (verse 8) “Spiritually, if not anatomically, the t_____ is directly a _____ to the h_____.”
 - B. Wrath Could Mean E_____ or I_____ -
Ultimately, with whom are we exasperated or irritated when things do not go our way?
- III. Motives for Putting Off
 - A. Sin B_____ God’s W_____ (verse 6)
 - B. This Clothing B_____ to Your F_____ Life (verses 7, 9 and 10)