

The Book of Colossians
Theme:
"ALL YOU NEED IS CHRIST!"

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3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **7** In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. **8** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. **11** Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16** 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. **17** 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.

NOTES:

(vv. 1-4) HAVE THE EYES OF GOD!

See yourself the way God sees you as a saint covered in Jesus righteousness:

(Rom 6:1-13)

Christ: died, been raised, ascended, seated at God's right hand, will return and appear
(since **YOU** are connected to **HIM** in your baptism, your life is hidden in him)

You have: died, been raised, ascended, seated at God's right hand, will appear when he returns

Therefore:

seek the things that are above, set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth

(vv. 5-11) LIVE THE BAPTISMAL LIFE!

(2 Cor 5:17; Gal. 3:27)

The Old Adam: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 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

The New Man: Put on the new self: which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all

(vv. 12-17) GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE OF YOU, AND YOUR SERVICE TO OTHERS

GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE: 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.

Liturgy, psalms and hymns: **(1 Tim 3:16; Mk 14:26; Lk 20:42; 24:44; Ac 1:20; 13:33; 16:25; 1 Cor 14:26; Eph 5:14; Php 2:6-11; Heb 2:12; Rev 5:9; 14:3; 15:3)**

YOUR SERVICE OF OTHERS: Put on then, as **God's chosen ones, holy and beloved**, **(Eph 1:4; 1 Pet 2:9)** compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

The extraordinary effects from the ordinary daily vocation and calling: 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. **(1 Cor 10:31)**

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. How does your baptismal identity affect your self-image and sense of worth?
2. In what ways can we seek the things above and not the things below?
3. What damage does the old Adam do in our life and in the lives of others?
What beauty does the new Man bring into our life and into the lives of others?
4. Why does the divine service shape us into godly people if we really receive and believe God's gifts?
5. Where can we exhibit the Christ-like life in our loving and forgiving relationships with others?