

**Jesus gives resurrection power to live the new life**  
**Colossians 3:1-17**  
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**Big Idea:** Our new life in Christ gives us a heavenly perspective that radically impacts how we live.

**1. We have new life in Christ (Col. 2:11-12).**

**2. New life gives us a heavenly perspective (3:1-4).**

a. Seek Christ (3:1)

b. Think heaven (3:2-4)

- Inform and empower your heavenly perspective:
  - > Prayer (1:9-10)
  - > Scripture (3:16)

**3. A heavenly perspective radically impacts how we live (3:5-17).**

a. Put to death what is earthly in you (3:5-11).

- Destructive passions (vv. 5-7)
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;
- > Why kill sin?
  - (1) Sin against God brings down the wrath of God (v. 6).
  - (2) Sin is not compatible with our new life in Christ (v. 7).
- Disruptive attitudes (vv. 8-11)
  - > “The difference between a Christian and non-Christian, generally, is that a Christian takes God’s side against his sin, while a non-Christian takes his sin’s side against God.” –Mark Dever
- Deceptive words (vv. 9-11)
  - > Christ is the source, power, and goal of all Christian growth.
    - Colossians 2:6–7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

b. Put on godly virtues (3:12-15).

Romans 13:13–14 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

3 couplets:

(1) Compassion and kindness are gracious reactions to needs (v. 12b).

(2) Humility and meekness are healthy estimations of self (v. 12c).

(3) Patience and love are godly reactions to conflict (vv. 12d -13).

- Patience is demonstrated in two practical ways (3:13).
  - > Bearing with one another (v. 13a)
  - > Forgiving each other (v. 13bff)
- Patience is possible when we are strengthened with his power (Col 1:11).

c. Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (3:17).