

LIFE GROUPS—Week of Jan. 11, 2026 (Study 13)

“Put Off/Put On” (Colossians 3:5-11)

1. Context is very important. Look at Col. 3:1-4, list the five references to Jesus Christ. The “Therefore”(v.5) looks back to these mentions of Jesus. How does this affect the directness of Paul’s discussion of sins (vv. 5, 8, 9)?
2. List the sins mentioned in v. 5. “Greed” or “covetousness” is especially “the desire to possess that which belongs to someone else” (Barclay, A New Testament Wordbook, pp. 97-99). How does this “covetousness” relate to the sins mentioned earlier in the verse? See Ephesians 5:3-5 for another joining together of immorality, impurity, and covetousness with idolatry.
3. Is the “wrath of God” (v. 6) respected by our culture?
4. What specific attitudes are we to “put aside” or “take off as dirty clothes” (v. 8)?
5. Why do you think “lying” is singled out in v. 9? See John 8:44, II Cor. 11:14.
6. What are we to “put on” according to v. 10? Whose likeness (image) do we bear?
7. It is said that “the flesh will continually dangle the garments of the old self in front of the new person and urge rejecting the new clothing to put on the old.” Do you agree?
8. In v. 11, how would you sum up the “renewal” described?