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letter to the Colossians

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Colossians 3:5-17  
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Life Change: That we do all in Jesus' name

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A worthless collection...

The useless old

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Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus

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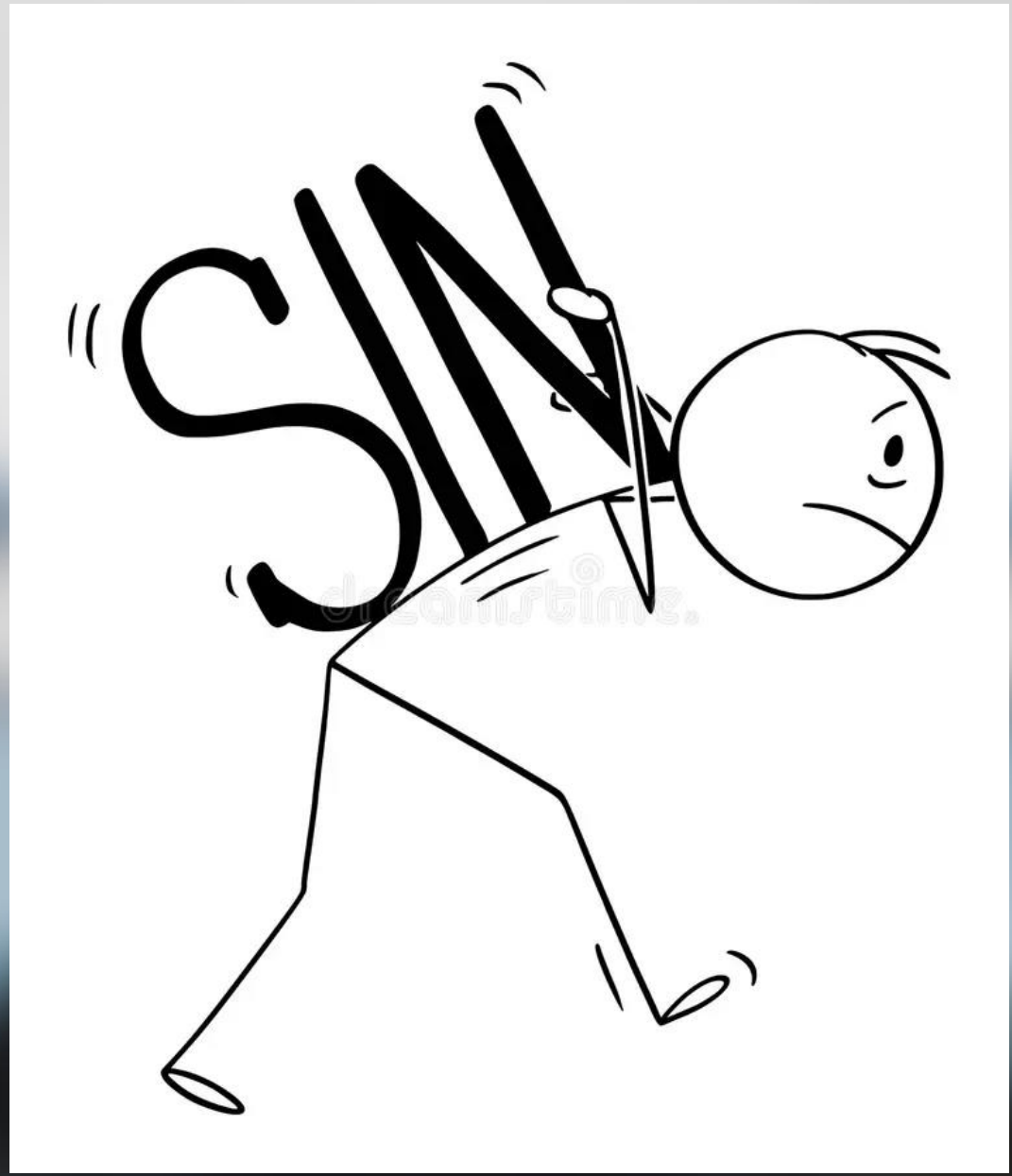
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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



Hoarders, 2009; imdb.com





***Paul...is not pleading for an other-worldliness in which the Christian withdraws himself...and does nothing but contemplate eternity. Immediately after this Paul goes on to lay down a series of ethical principles which make it quite clear that he expects the Christian to go on with the work of this world and to maintain all its normal relationships. But there will be this difference – from now on the Christian will view everything against the background of eternity and no longer live as if this world was all that mattered.***

***I am hidden with Christ in  
God.***

**Col 3:3.**

***I will appear with him in  
glory.***

**Col 3:4.**

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**“Let go and let God.”**

***<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, <sup>7</sup> since a person who has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, <sup>9</sup> because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him.***

***<sup>10</sup> For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

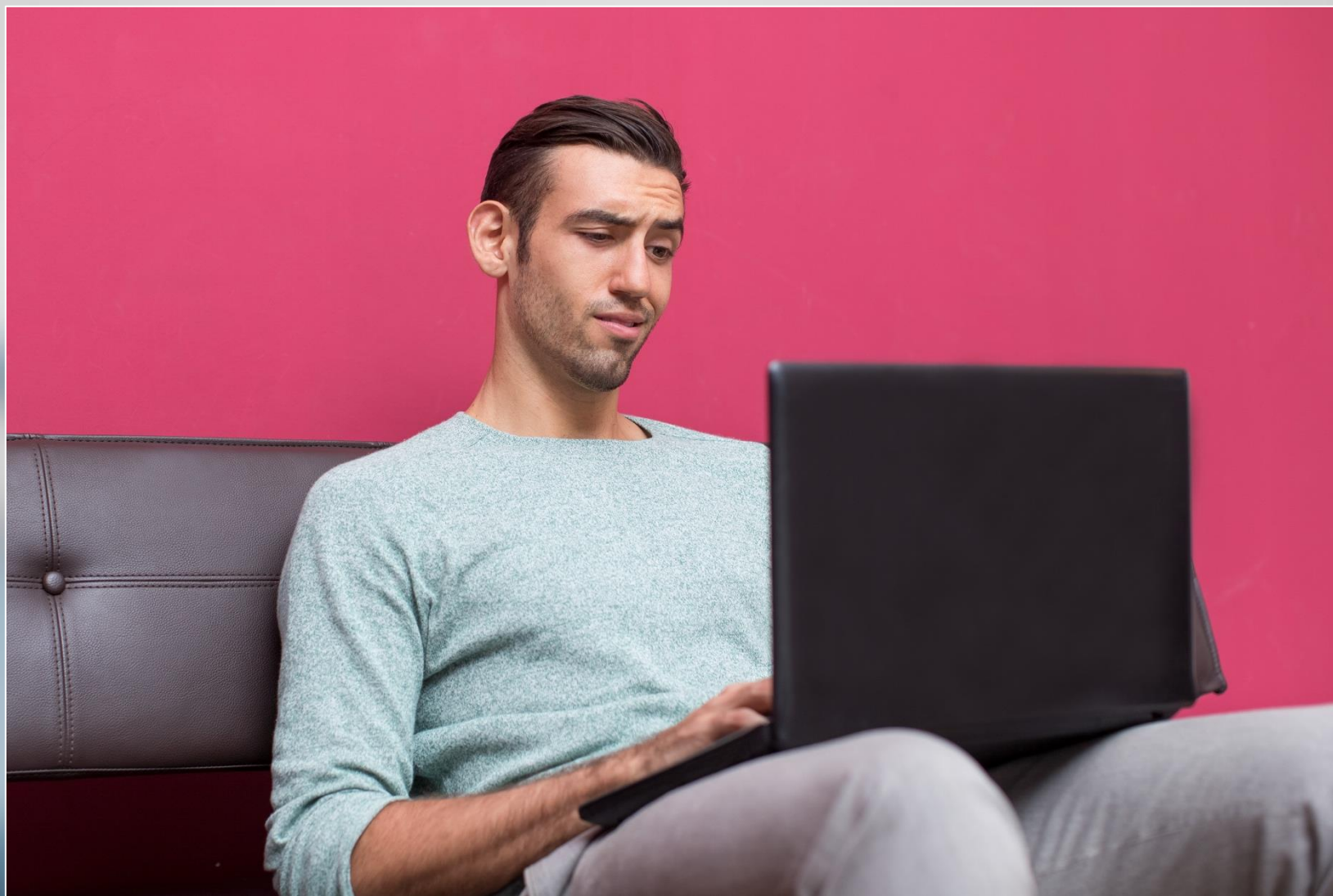
***12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires. 13 And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness. 14 For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under the law but under grace.***

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***The list of evil activities flowing from man's earthly nature includes immorality (porneia, "fornication"), impurity (a wider perversion), lust (pathos, "uncontrollable passion"), evil desires ("illicit craving"), and greed (or coveting), which is idolatry (because it seeks satisfaction in things below and not above).***

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***Jewish writers habitually traced the various sins of the Gentiles back to the root problem of idolatry; and especially was this true of sexual sins. Putting some other “god” in the place of the true God of the Bible leads to the panoply of sexual sins and perversions that characterized the Gentile world. Paul reflects this tradition here: sexual sins arise because people have an uncontrolled desire for more and more “experiences” and “pleasures”; and such a desire is nothing less than a form of idolatry.***



***54% of practicing  
Christians report  
consuming pornography at  
least occasionally,  
compared to 68% of non-  
Christians.***

***11 But actually, I wrote you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister and is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person.***

***<sup>9</sup> Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, <sup>10</sup> no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. <sup>11</sup> And some of you used to be like this.***

***<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

***<sup>6</sup> Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, <sup>7</sup> and you once walked in these things when you were living in them.***



***<sup>8</sup> But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth.***

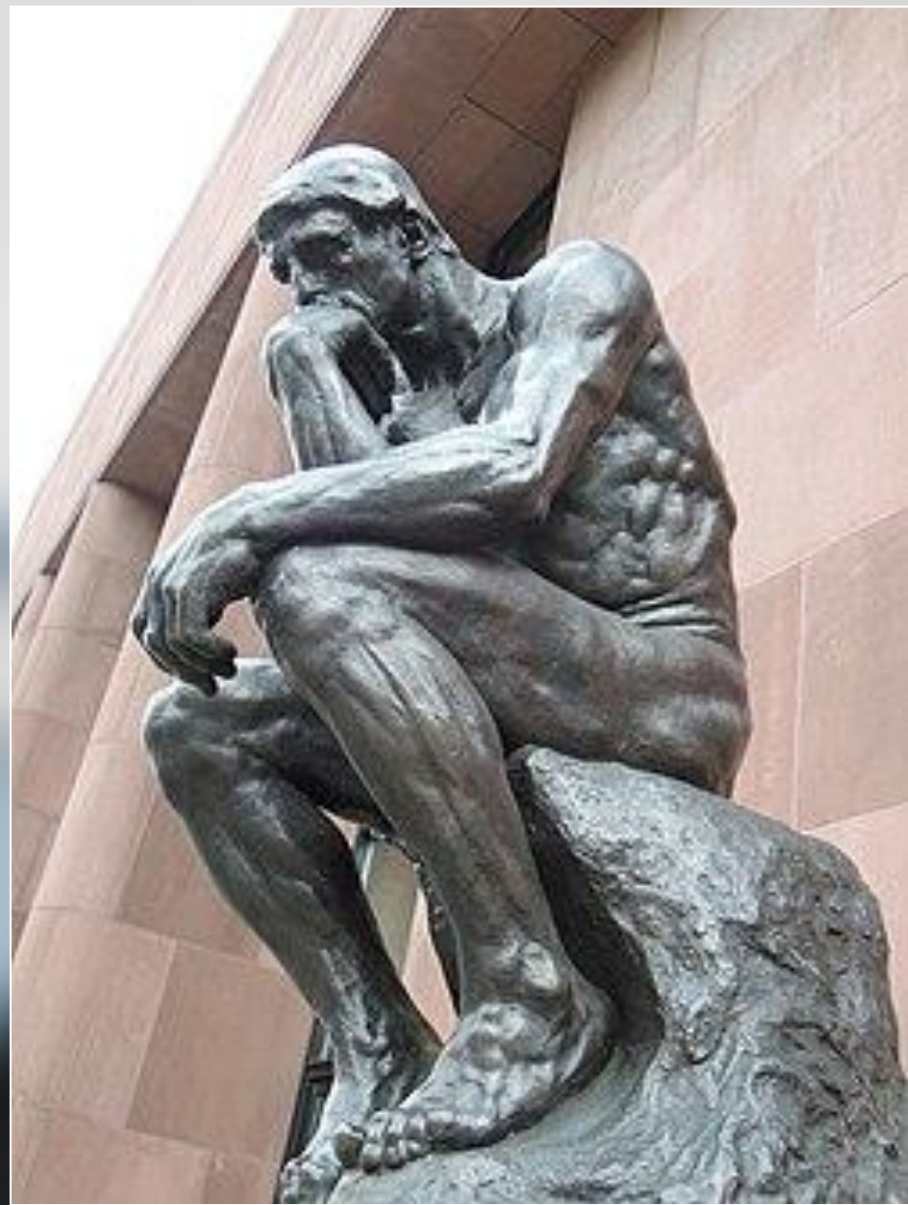
***<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. <sup>11</sup> In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.***

***“Anger” (orgēn) is a chronic attitude of smoldering hatred, whereas “rage” (thymon) is an acute outburst. Thymos elsewhere is rendered “outbursts of anger” (2 Cor. 12:20), “fits of rage” (Gal. 5:20), and “rage” (Eph. 4:31). “Malice” (kakian, the vice that lies below anger and rage as their root) is forbidden, as is “slander” (blasphēmian, “railing or evil speaking”). “Filthy language” (aischrologian) is shameful or abrasive speech. Neither should Christians lie (cf. Eph. 4:25) for truthfulness is essential in followers of the One who is “the Truth” (John 14:6)***





***I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.  
7 Do not have other gods besides me.***



The Thinker, Auguste Rodin, 1904

***<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.***



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***“Father, forgive them,  
because they do not know  
what they are doing.”***

***<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> 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.***

**“Rule” translates a Greek verb that refers to the activity of the “umpire,” who renders verdicts in contested situations. The verb thus naturally takes on the connotation of “control”; the standard Greek lexicon paraphrases, let the peace of Christ “be the decisive factor.” In general, then, Paul wants the Colossians to make “peace” the arbiter, the factor that should be given preference over competing concerns and interests. And in the context it is in their relationships with each other that the “peace of Christ” should play this role.**



# ATHLETICS CHALLENGE



• STRIKE

**CALL OVERTURNED** COUNT  
**1-2**



***Hello Sir***

***How are you?***

***Hi Samuel,***

***I am well. We are watching the Lord continue  
to change lives. How are you?***

***Thank God Sir.***

***We are enjoying the heavenly blessings.***

***...teaching and  
admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,***





Soundofmusic.com; Paramount pictures; HBO

**“Am I doing  
everything in the  
name of the Lord  
Jesus?”**

***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.***

***The combination “word” (logos) and “deed” (ergon) is a common way of referring to the totality of one’s interaction with the world (Luke 24:19; Acts 7:22; Rom. 15:18; 2 Thess. 2:17; cf. 1 Cor. 10:31): everything, including what we say and what we do, should be governed by the consideration of what it means to live in the realm of the risen Christ. Perhaps we can discern something of a progression from v. 16. Just as the worship gathering should be focused on the “message of Christ” (v. 16), so all of life must be seen as an experience of worship (cf. Rom. 12:1–2).***

**“...in  
Jesus’  
name!”**

**“just  
sayin’!”**



“just  
sayin’!”

**Psalm 89:1**

***I will sing about the LORD's faithful love  
forever;***

***I will proclaim your faithfulness to all  
generations with my mouth..***

**I lift my voice, unto the King,  
And everything I am becomes an offering.  
I sing my song, for You alone,  
And everything around me suddenly is gone.**

**Sing Alleluia (Alleluia)  
Grace and peace (Alleluia)  
Sing Alleluia (Father)  
You are all I need.**

**Your gentle hand, can calm my fear,  
And chase the clouds away until the sky is clear.  
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