

Colossians Series - #17 "Out with the Old...In with the New!" Colossians 3: 5 – 11

Introduction: IL- Building #3 being renovated and all according to the important purpose for its new use. God wants, according to Colossians 3: 10, to make the new me and you to be in a likeness of Him as our Creator- that is His purpose in saving us and transforming us spiritually and in every day practice. (Read verse 10 below and then read the question for today's message:

"The new self which is being renewed (renovated) in knowledge after the image of its Creator."

How do we purpose to please and honor God through the new person HE made us to be?

"Put to death..." and "Put away..." "Therefore" represents a distinct new paragraph.

Answer #1- We get rid of the sensual activities of the unbelievers around us that we all used to engage in-

Verses 5 - 7: "in these you too once walked, when you were living in them." "Put to death" based on Greek word for mortician or mortuary. Sin doesn't die on its own!

Sexual immorality- any sexual activity outside of marriage. (porneia)- prostitutes

Impurity- we need to control what we put in our minds that, unchecked, will be acted out. Foul mouth- Romans 13: 14- But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires!

Passion- self-gratification- focus on "self"! It can be a master or we can master it! Visual images that arouse one sexually. We can either chase pleasure or connect daily with God! There are GODLY passions to pursue consistently!

Evil desire- for things that should be off limits- same sex participation in immoral behavior.

Covetousness (which is idolatry)- Idolatry because we want it more than a relationship with God- we worship worldliness over the One who created this world! Greedy for what is forbidden, not thinking about what would please God and bring His blessing down on us! Godliness and permissiveness do not belong together!

God has every right to pour out wrath on the ungodly and that will be revealed in the future like it was in Noah's day in Genesis 6 and 7, when God deals with the godless people on earth at that time. Revelation 6: 16-17: "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

IL- A.W. Tozer- "When we strongly desire to own a thing, it actually owns part of us!"

Give them over to death, put them in the cemetery and carry that out with **every** temptation. Watchfulness, prayerfulness and self-discipline.

IL- Warren Wiersbe- “Formed in God’s image, deformed by sin but transformed by Christ into His image!”

Answer #2- And we change our thoughts and words in social interaction with our brothers and sisters-

Verses 8 – 9: “You have put off the old self with its practices.”

Anger- habitual ill-will toward someone that festers long term. Often seeking revenge! Hateful verbal or physical attacks.

Wrath- anger out of control- A settled condition of ill-will pointed in the direction of another person. “Heavy breathing anger!” Sudden outburst regardless of who is around.

Malice- A desire to hurt someone with words or with physical attacks. Like poison in the bottom of your coffee cup! 1 Peter 2: 1- “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and slander.”

Slander- Untrue accusations against someone that are made known in public- usually in writing.

Obscene talk- Talking “dirty” in small groups or in public or under our breath, offending the ears of modest people- ‘crude, lewd and rude talk”!

Lying- Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5- Satan filled their hearts with that evil approach to dealing with money that could have been set apart for God!

“Have put off...” and “Have put on...” Clothing metaphor! God gives us the “want to” and the power to! Filthy dirty- need to just be thrown away!

If we apply the Word, exert ourselves and exercise our will in line with God’s we can grow in His likeness!

Verses 10 – 11: “But Christ is all in all...”

Answer #3 And we encourage and help our church family to be all that God planned for us to be! In the Church around the world, then and now, there are no racial or social or national distinctions. Barbarians- uncultured, poorly educated, non-Greek speaking- Scythians migrated from central Asia to the Ukraine! God will “save to the uttermost all who draw near to God through Him.”

Conclusion: We can be thoroughly renovated in this life by applying the Word of God and yielding to Jesus!