



Colossians 3:5-17

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.

As a believer in Jesus, we are chosen and loved by God, and have been given a new life in Him. We are called to live out that new life together with others so that the world can see Jesus. We must put on the character of Jesus in how we relate to one another. Putting off gross and respectable sins, and putting on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love. The peace of Christ, which comes as a result of our salvation, must direct our daily actions. Jesus living in us should be reflected in every interaction with one another, in how we teach and guide others, in singing and thankfulness, in everything we do or say. In this way, the world will see Jesus in us.

Study Questions (30 min)

- The passage lists the old ways to put off – how do those things impact your relationships with one another?
- This passage describes actions that we must make on ourselves – to put off and put on.
 - What is one of the old practices - gross or respectable sins- that you struggle to put off?
 - What is one attribute that you will put on this week?
 - How can we help you to put off the old ways and put on the new?
- What does it mean to let the word of Christ dwell in you richly?
 - How will that be reflected in your life, as you interact with others this week?

D&A (20 min)

- How is your time with God going?
- What are you praying about currently?
- Pray for one another in the area they are struggling to put off/put on.