

# “JESUS’ Plan: Killing the Old Man”

## Colossians 3:5-7

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**Introduction** : A **Check** from a Stranger...a **Deposit slip** from a Friend.

**NKJV** - "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them."

**ESP** - " Por tanto, consideren los miembros de su cuerpo terrenal como muertos a la fornicación, la impureza, las pasiones, los malos deseos y la avaricia, que es idolatría.  
6Pues la ira de Dios vendrá sobre los hijos de desobediencia por causa de estas cosas,  
7en las cuales ustedes también anduvieron en otro tiempo cuando vivían en ellas.

**NLT** - "So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.\* You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world."

### **I. PUT TO DEATH: The Sins of Lust -**

- **A) The ACTION:** "Therefore **put to death** your members which are on the earth..."

**NLT** - "So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.."

**AMP** - "So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]..."

**"Therefore"** points back to **our identification with the risen and enthroned Lord Jesus** mentioned in **Colossians 3:1-4**. It is because we understand this fact that we can put to death the things in our life that are contrary to our identity with Jesus.

**"nekroo"** - "to deaden, deprive/strip of power, to be powerless/impotent"

"This verb means literally **'to make dead,'** is very strong. It suggests that we are not simply to suppress or control evil acts and attitudes. We are to wipe them out, and completely exterminate the old way of life." (Vaughn)

We can put our flesh to death **PRACTICALLY** by denying it the very food and nourishment by which it lives, thrives, and is active.

**"Starve your Flesh":** 2 wolves inside you - Evil vs. Good

We can put our flesh to death **SPIRITUALLY** in the sense of considering/calculating that it's dead already to the power and influences of sin.

**Christ already accomplished this on the Cross:**

**AMP 1 Jn 3:8** - "The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]."

**AMP Romans 6:6,7**- " We know that our old (unrenewed) self **was nailed to the cross with Him** in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be **made ineffective and inactive for evil**, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. 7 For **when a man dies, he is freed** (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin

**Christ's Spirit can kill/deaden those**

**urges:** **Romans 8:13** - "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if **by the Spirit you put to death** the deeds of the body, you will live."

**We must do 3 things to KILL the power of SIN:**

**Acknowledge it!**

**Appropriate it!**

**Apply it!**

"**Sisera**" - Judges 4 ; "**Dagon**" - 1 Sam 5:2-4

- **B) The AREAS:** *".. fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."*

*It is important to specifically **list, name, and identify any sins that you desire victory over...**as Paul does in this section.*

*"It is far easier to drift into a sin which one does not **know by name** than consciously to choose one whose very title **should be repugnant** to a Christian." (Wright)*

*Israel struggled in these same areas of sin in Canaan: "**Baal**" (the God of Success) & "**Asheroth**" (the goddess of Sex) were constant temptations.*

*"..**fornication,..**" - AMP: "sexual vice" - "The word here translated sexual immorality refers to **any intercourse outside marriage**; in the ancient world, as in the modern, intercourse with a prostitute would be a specific, and in a pagan culture a frequent, instance of this." (Wright)*

*"..**uncleanness..**" - AMP: "impurity" - "A wider range of meaning than fornication. It includes the misuse of sex, but is applicable to various forms of moral evil." (Bruce)*

*"..**passion..**" - AMP: "sensual appetites"*

*"..**evil desire..**" - AMP: "unholy desires"*

*"..and **covetousness**, which is **idolatry**." - AMP: "all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God)."*

*"Every godly man seeks his happiness in God; the covetous man seeks that **in his money which God alone can give**; therefore his covetousness is properly idolatry." (Clarke)*

- **C) The ADMONITION:** *"Because of these things **the wrath of God** is coming upon **the sons of disobedience**, in which **you yourselves once walked** when you lived in them."*

**AMP** - *"It is on account of these [very sins] that the **[holy] anger of God** is **ever coming upon** the sons of disobedience (those who are obstinately opposed to the divine will), Among whom **you also once walked**, when you were living in and addicted to [such practices]."*

Gods wrath can come upon men ***DIRECTLY*** or ***INDIRECTLY***.

***Directly***, the wrath of God falls upon men in swift and sudden judgment and punishment - Gen 6; Rev 19.

***Indirectly***, the wrath of God comes as ***God allows men to continue*** in sinful - and therefore self-destructive - behavior (Romans 1:18-32).

These sins may ***mark a world in rebellion against God***, but they are in the past tense for the Christian.

**2 Categories:** *"Sons of **Disobedience**" vs. "Sons of **Obedience**"*

**AMP 1 John 3:9-10** - *"No one born (begotten) of God **[deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin**, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life..remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God. By this it is **made clear who take their nature from God and are His children** and who take their **nature from the devil** and are his children"*

**CLOSING:** "**JUMBO**" the Elephant - Largest in captivity - w/ PT Barnum Circuses.