

Our New Identity In Christ

Colossians 3:5-11 calls believers to a radical transformation rooted in their new identity in Christ. The passage begins with a powerful command: "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you", listing sins such as sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness-what Paul identifies as idolatry. These sins are not just actions but reflections of a heart that places anything above God.

The warning is clear: "On account of these, the wrath of God is coming." Yet, this command is not a call to despair, but a reminder of who we are now. Paul reminds us. "In these you too once walked, when you were living in them", acknowledging our past, but then declares the present reality: "But now you must put them all away."

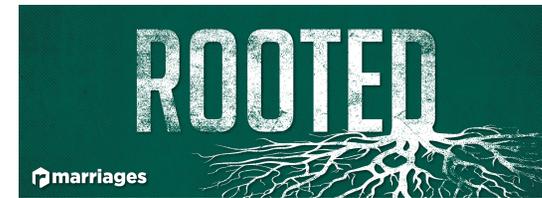
This is not a call to self-effort, but to a continual, Spirit-led warfare. We are to "put off the old self with its practices" and "put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator." This new self is not defined by external labels- "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all." In Christ, every division is broken. Our identity is no longer tied to nationality, status, or background, but solely to Christ, who is all and in all.

This devotional challenge is both personal and communal. We are to "rid ourselves of all such thing as these: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth" and "Do not lie to one another" because we have died to our old nature. As the body of Christ, we are called to live in unity, love, and truth, reflecting the image of our Creator. The call is urgent: "You have been made new. You have died and have been raised; Christ is now your life." Therefore, live like it. Be "too full of Christ for sins- allow His presence to displace every form of evil. The battle is won, but the fight continues. Walk by the Spirit. Feed your mind on God's word, pray, fellowship, and serve, so that the "new self" becomes ever more evident in your life.

***For we are God's handiwork, "created in Christ Jesus to do good works,"
which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

Ephesians 2:10

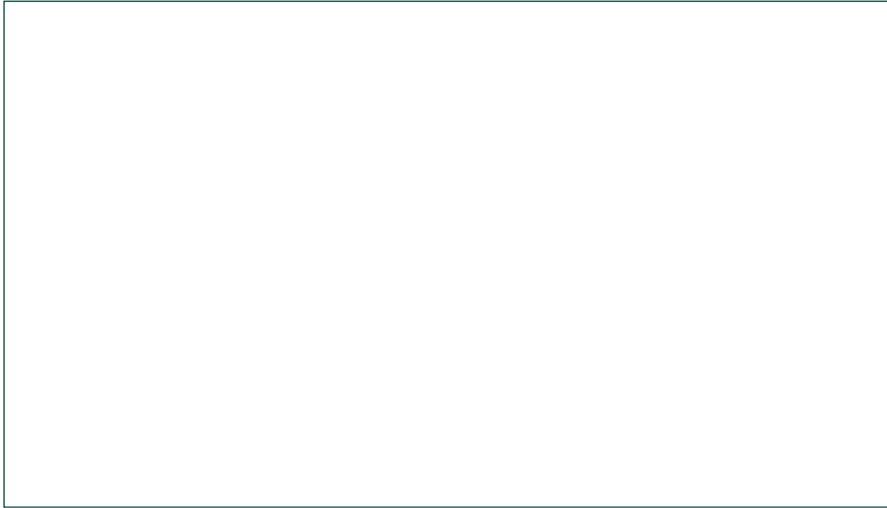
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MESSAGE NOTES & VERSES

WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE THIS WEEK TO
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED AS A COUPLE?



OUR PRAYERS



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires."
Galatians 5:24*

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