

I. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1:

Identity: Putting Off

Colossians 3:1-11

Slide 2:

Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Slide 4:

"Therefore" connects right theology to right feelings and behavior

Slide 5:

Already...But Not Yet.

Slide 6:

Spiritual "Battery"

Always has a positive and negative terminal

Negative = Repentance

Positive = Faith

Slide 7:

Negative Terminal Work

I. What is Repentance?

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Repentance is taking off the old clothes, and finding the "old man" beneath...our idols.

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I. What is Repentance?

II. What are we Repenting?

Slide 10:

"evil desire" = epithumia = over desire

Slide 11:

The Original Sin was epithumia

Slide 12:

We repent because Christ isn't enough

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I. What is Repentance?

II. What are we Repenting?

III. How do we Repent?

Slide 14:

Repentance in 3 not-so-easy steps

1) Be aware. Are you?

a) People who don't know because they don't have the Holy Spirit

b) People who hide because they want to be self-righteous

c) People who cry, wrestle, plead and talk to God

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Repentance in 3 not-so-easy steps

1) Be aware

2) Be honest

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Repentance in 3 not-so-easy steps

1) Be aware

2) Be honest

3) Go to the cross

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Therefore...Repent

II. GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Read Colossians 3:1-11. What do you see? What stands out to you? What is confusing? These verses are beautiful, but do we understand them?
- 2) How would you explain to someone the ideas that we have died with Christ, and yet we must "put to death"? How would you describe that we were raised with Christ, and yet we will someday be raised in Christ? How would you explain that we are already perfect in Him, but we must work out our faith?
- 3) What do you think of when someone says that we must repent? How would you describe repentance? How can it be something we must always be doing?
- 4) How does repentance, and faith work together?
- 5) What are some things you "over" desire? How would you go about finding those things?
- 6) Use group time to experience communal repentance. What are some things we can all go to God and share, and request forgiveness and seek transformation?
- 7) Prayer