

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

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*Weekday Study Notes*

## W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or learn more about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app at [myspbc.info/app](http://myspbc.info/app).

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at [myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://myspbc.info/prayerroom). You may also submit a prayer request anytime at [myspbc.info/prayer](http://myspbc.info/prayer).

## JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

*Today's Lesson: Dress for Success*

*Colossians 3:5-17: The Message*

<sup>5-8</sup> And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

<sup>9-11</sup> Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free,

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mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

<sup>12-14</sup> So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

<sup>15-17</sup> Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Main Idea: God has called us to live according to our identity in Christ by putting off the sinful habits of our former nature and by putting on the godly virtues of our redeemed nature.

**1. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ OURSELVES FROM SINFULNESS (3:5-11).**

- a. We must put to death our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5-7).
- b. We must put off our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8-10).
- c. We must put down our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ (3:11).

**2. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ OURSELVES IN GODLINESS (3:12-17).**

- a. We must accurately \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior (3:12-14).
- b. We must comfortably \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior (3:15).
- c. We must gratefully \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior (3:16).
- d. We must actively \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior (3:17).

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### **DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS:**

- Identify and discuss some of the many treasures found in this passage. See if you can identify what we should 1) Believe, 2) Value, and 3) Do.
- What belongs to the “old you” and how do we put it off? What habits and practices do you need to discard and dismiss?
- What characteristics do you need to “put on” like clothing?
- What clothing are you already wearing that supports “the new you” in Christ?
- According to this passage, what is the Church, and how are we to live together?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to review church announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org). You can also connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc) and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to note praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to note prayer requests. Close with prayer.