

Union with Christ

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Review

Becoming a Christian is bigger than we ever anticipated because, at conversion, we were believing not only on Christ but into Christ, into union and communion with Him. And now, every spiritual blessing is ours in Christ (Eph 1:3)

Part 10: Putting off Sin, Putting on Christ

The conclusion of our 2-part series in Colossians 3, focused this week on verses 5-17.

- Based on the reality that we are united to Christ, with a new identity and new power, Paul gives two strong imperatives: Put off what no longer fits, and put on the new self, reflecting the character of Christ

Read Galatians 3:5-17 and consider

- Remember: Our union with Christ is the foundation for Godly living (Col 3:1-4)
 - Our new identity leads to a new mentality, and our affections follow (see also 2 Cor 3:18)
- Mortification: A putting off or putting to death (Col 3:5-11)
 - The intentional killing of sinful impulses (See also Rom 8:13)
 - We must name sin honestly, admitting what it really is
 - We must see sin theologically, as deserving of God's wrath
- Adorning: A putting on of Christ-likeness (Col 3:12-17. See also Rom 13:14)
 - A deliberate, conscious, and Spirit-dependent effort
- Why both are necessary
 - By itself, mortification does not equal sanctification
 - Sanctification happens when sin is expelled by new affections