

# WOC Summer 2025 Drop In Series: Colossians

## Colossians 3:1-17 WE ARE NEW PEOPLE!

### Introduction & Review

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#### I. Because we are A New People

Verse 1 *If then you have been raised with Christ...*

- We are in Christ
  
- And Christ is IN us
  - *John 14: 16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper (advocate, counselor) to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*
  - *Romans 8:9-11 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. But IF Christ is in you, although your body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

#### II. We Have a New Pursuit

v. 1-4 *Seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*

- What is the alternative?
- What is it we are to seek in the Heavenly Realms?

#### III. That Requires a New Posture

v. 2-4 *- Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you will appear also with Him in glory.*

- This new identity that we have – requires us to live with a new posture if we are going to truly own it. We must get our eyes up!

- Psalm 3 – But you O Lord are a shield about me, you’re my glory, You are the lifter of my head.

- So now, as NEW PEOPLE, with a new pursuit of something bigger than the here and now, and with a new posture (eyes up).... We move into v. 5-17.

**IV. And Produces: NEW PRACTICES!**

*V. 5 – 10 Put to death therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: immorality, impurity, lust (passion), evil desires and greed (covetousness) which is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slanders, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.*

A. The Reminder of who we truly are...

- We are NOT the old man anymore. A “sinner” is not primarily who we are anymore...
- An Illustration to think on: Princess Kate

B. The Vices of our “old man”

1. The first 5 vices mentioned are sins of the body.
  - i. Romans 1:18 – 25
2. The next 5 are sins of the tongue
  - i. Our words represent our crowned King. We are no longer who we used to be but represent royalty now.
  - ii. What our reactions can show us....
  - iii. What we can afford

C. The Application to Us --- when we are struggling – Instead of telling ourselves and others – “Stop that!!” Consider going with ---- “That’s not you... I know You---- What you really want--- deep down – is to know God and be like Him...”

1. “Those who believe in you most, will influence you the most.” ~ unknown

**V. And Embodies our New Purpose**

*V. 12-17 “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with (put on then) compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive AS the Lord forgave you.*

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Our new purpose is simple – but pure – It is to say and do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- And because of that, we fight for peace, true peace.
- And we let his word “dwell in us richly.” We saturate ourselves with his word – which reveal himself to us.