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Together With Christ Or Not Colossians 3:1-17

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<p>New Testament</p> <p>Matthew</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Luke</p> <p>John</p> <p>Acts</p> <p>Romans</p> <p>1 Corinthians</p> <p>2 Corinthians</p> <p>Galatians</p> <p>Ephesians</p> <p>Philippians</p> <p>Colossians</p> <p>1 Thessalonians</p> <p>2 Thessalonians</p> <p>1 Timothy</p> <p>2 Timothy</p> <p>Titus</p> <p>Philemon</p> <p>Hebrews</p> <p>James</p> <p>1 Peter</p> <p>2 Peter</p>	<h3>1 John 1:5–7</h3> <p>[5] This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.</p>
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Colossians 3:1–17

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Colossians 3:1–17

[5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming. [7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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Colossians 3:1–17

[12] Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Proof Positive vs. 1-4

Be Confident

- “If” (Colossians 1:23; 2:20; 3:1)
 - Absolute certainty in your relationship with Christ
 - Absolute certainty of Christ completed earthly ministry

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Proof Positive vs. 1-4

Be Confident

- “If” (Colossians 1:23; 2:20; 3:1)
- Know Christ Position
 - Conqueror of sin and death
 - Fulfilling the will of His Father
 - Sinless life
 - Sacrificial death
 - Raised from the dead
 - Seated at the right hand of God

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Ephesians 1:15–23

[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Proof Positive vs. 1-4

Be Confident

- “If” (Colossians 1:23; 2:20; 3:1)
- Know Christ Position
- Determined Set Focus
 - “Set” – a willful act of determination
 - Two possible paths still
 - Things above – knowing God more
 - Things below – tainted with sinfulness and death

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Proof Positive vs. 1-4

Be Confident

- “If” (Colossians 1:23; 2:20; 3:1)
- Know Christ Position
- Determined Set Focus
- Know Your Position – from helpless and hopeless to...
 - If with Christ... died to your old life
 - Hidden with Christ – refuge, security
 - Certainty of a changed life
 - Christ is your life – work already started
 - Christ will appear – certainty of faith

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Is Christ Your Life?

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
 - Watchfulness and prayerfulness
 - Matthew 6:13; 26:41
 - Self-discipline – Matthew 5:29-30

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11**Put To Death**

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
 - Sexual immorality – any and all sexual thoughts and behavior that are contrary to God's design and purpose

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11**Put To Death**

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
 - Sexual immorality
 - Impurity – going against God design for sexual relationship

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
 - Sexual immorality
 - Impurity
 - Passion – desires outside of God's design and desire

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
 - Sexual immorality
 - Impurity
 - Passion
 - Evil desire – pursuit of pleasure at the expense of hurting others
 - Covetousness – worship of other than God

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
 - Sexual immorality
 - God's wrath
 - Before Christ and now after Christ

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
- Rooted against the character of God
 - Anger – root: unforgiveness and bitterness
 - Wrath – acting out in anger instead of compassion
 - Malice – the will to do evil or harm
 - Slander – character assassination
 - Obscene talk – off color, crude, vulgar
 - Do not lie

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James 3:6–10

[6] And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. [7] For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, [8] but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9] With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. [10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
- Rooted against the character of God
- Wardrobe change
 - Put of the old dead practices
 - Put on the new
 - Renewed knowledge after God

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Redirected Path vs. 5-11

Put To Death

- Because Christ is your life
- Death is a sever action
- Rooted passions contrary to God's design
- Rooted against the character of God
- Wardrobe change
- Christ is all and in all

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**When Looking At Your Thoughts
And Deeds In The Mirror,
Do You See The Old You Or
Do You See Christ?**

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Inside Out vs. 12-17

Remember God's Passionate Pursuit Of YOU!

- Holy – not in your merit, but only in Christ
- Beloved – God's demonstration of redemption
- Compassionate hearts – reflective of the life of Christ
- Kindness not malice
- Humility - putting the interest ahead of your own
- Meekness – willing accepting and submission to God's will
- Patience – waiting for God's timing and way

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Inside Out vs. 12-17

Remember God's Passionate Pursuit Of YOU!

When Conflict Happens

- Bear with one another (Galatians 6:1-5)
- Forgiving as the Lord forgives us

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Remember God's Passionate Pursuit Of YOU!

When Conflict Happens

Ultimate Demonstration

- Love – (John 14, 15)
 - Godly love binds the church
- Love brings peace

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Inside Out vs. 12-17

Remember God's Passionate Pursuit Of YOU!

When Conflict Happens

Ultimate Demonstration

Practical Instructions

- Word of Christ dwell in you richly
 - Teaching
 - Admonishing with wisdom
 - Praising God

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Inside Out vs. 12-17

Remember God's Passionate Pursuit Of YOU!

When Conflict Happens

Ultimate Demonstration

Practical Instructions

- Word of Christ dwell in you richly
- In all that you do
 - Everything in the name of the Lord Jesus
 - Give thanks to God the Father

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Are You Living Inside Out?

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