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Colossians 3 introduces us to a whole new area of struggle after we receive Jesus Christ and are miraculously transformed from the inside out (Col. 2:10-14; 2 Cor. 5:17). Our main area of struggle remains to be our flesh in which we are housed. This inner struggle, our old flesh (*old man*) vs. our new Spirit (*new man*), is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle simply won with the right battle tactics and the desire to win. There is a coming day when our continual struggle will be over, but until then, we fight on (Rom. 7:24-25). Today we will begin by reviewing the main points we saw last week in the first four verses that give us our first key to success.

## PUTTING OFF THE OLD MAN – Colossians 3:8-11

**Review:** The First Key to Our Victory is a Heavenly Perspective – v. 1-7

- We have a supernatural internal transformation that only comes through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in us by His Spirit who will get us to glory – v. 1-3, 1:27; Php. 3:20; Eph. 2:5-6; Rom. 8:29-30.
- We must **seek** and **set our affection** on the real lasting things above, Heaven in the north (*our home*), and Jesus Christ who is returning for us with His \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 4; Heb. 11:8-10; Gal. 4:26; 1 Tim. 6:13-14; 2 Tim. 4:1; Tit. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 1:7-8; 1 Jn. 2:28-3:3; Rev. 22:12.
- A Christian sees these dark and often internal areas of sin (*which Heaven also sees*) and must \_\_\_\_\_ them before they potentially kill you – v. 5-7; Rom. 6:11-13; Ja. 1:15; 1 Jn. 5:16-17.

*Fornication =*

*Uncleanness =*

*Inordinate affection =*

*Evil concupiscence =*

*Covetousness (which is idolatry) =*

### 1. **Put Off** the Old Man and His Deeds – v. 8-9

- Our old man has already been put off through Jesus Christ, but the old man's deeds must still \_\_\_\_\_ be put off by us – Rom. 6:6; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:22; 1 Jn. 3:3, 9.

*Anger (Jon. 4:4, 9; Mk. 3:5; Pr. 14:7; Eph. 4:26) =*

*Wrath (Ja. 1:19-20; Rom. 12:19) =*

*Malice (1 Cor. 5:8, 14:20; Eph. 4:15) =*

*Blasphemy (Jn. 10:33; Rev. 2:9) =*

*Filthy Communication out of Your Mouth (Eph. 4:29; Ja. 3:1-9) =*

*Lying (Ex. 20:16; Pr. 12:19, 22; 14:25) =*

2. The Key to Victory over Our Old Man is to **Put on** the New Man – v. 10-11

- Our new man has already been put on, but there is a \_\_\_\_\_ renewal needed – v. 10, 2:11-12; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- **Important:** *It is less about \_\_\_\_\_ and more about dying* – Lk. 22:42; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:16, 15:31; Gal. 3:3.
- There is no race, religious sect, nationality, or social/educational status exempt from these realities. We are all the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and have **this same daily need** – v. 11; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27-28.