

CHRIST OUR LIFE

What Not to Wear

Colossians 3:5-11 (ESV)

Colossians 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Legalistic Rule-Keeping	Gospel-Driven Obedience
To earn God's acceptance	Because you already have God's acceptance
Motivated by guilt, fear, or duty	Motivated by gratefulness and love
Have to	Want to
Attempted in fleshly effort	Produced by grace-driven effort
Can be exhausting, leading to burnout	Should be enriching, fueling deeper desire
Glorifies self – trying to look spiritual for the praise of man	Glorifies Christ – seeking to make Jesus look worthy of obeying
Uses people	Loves people
Cannot change the heart	Arises from a changed heart
Evidence of an unregenerate heart	Evidence of genuine salvation
Devoid of gospel truth	Fueled by gospel truth
Attempts to curb external behaviors: “fruit”	Recognizes and repents of internal heart motivations: “root”
Views commands as limiting happiness	Views commands as reflections of the heart of God
Disobedience brings condemnation, shame, and hiding	Disobedience brings repentance, gratitude, and grace-generated resolve

THE GOSPEL-PROMPTED COMMAND: *Stop Tolerating Sin in Your Life!*

- Put to death what is earthly in you v. 3:5
- Put them all away v. 3:8

THE GOSPEL-POWERED MOTIVATIONS: *Jesus Has Made You New!*

- A sinful lifestyle is inconsistent with your new life and identity in Christ v. 3:1-4
- Sin is what incites God's wrath and will bring judgment v. 3:6

- Sin is what dominated the old life that you died to v. 3:7
- Sin distorts the image of God in you and others v. 3:9-10
- Sinning against each other is inconsistent with Gospel-generated unity in the Body of Christ v. 3:11

KILL EARTHLY, PERVERTED LOVE

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- Sexual immorality -
- Impurity -
- Passion -
- Evil desire -
- Covetousness -
- Idolatry -

DISCARD BITTER HATRED!

Colossians 3:8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

- Anger -
- Wrath -
- Malice -
- Slander -
- Obscene talk -
- Lying -
- Divisiveness -

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Look at the list of what we are to put to death in vs. 5 Do you need God's help putting any of these to death?
2. Look at the list of what we are to put away in vs. 8,9 Do you need God's help putting any of these away?
3. Vs. 10 says that the new self is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Talk with your family at dinner one day this week about what God is like.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Song of Sol 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Isaiah 65 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Song of Sol 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Isaiah 66 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Song of Sol 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Song of Sol 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Song of Sol 5 |