

## COLOSSIANS 3a THE NEW YOU

As he often does, the Apostle connects doctrine and duty with simple instructions. He gives the Colossians three instructions in the first seventeen verses of the third chapter:

1. Seek heavenly things and heavenly thoughts - V1-4
2. Eliminate the sinful things of earth - V5-9
3. Put on the New Man! V 10-17

**Colossians 3:1** If then you were raised with Christ, *(IE, saved, baptized and changed!)* seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

- Remember the list of things to dwell on from **Philippians 4:8**?
- “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”
  - Heavenly things... Thoughts of Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father and representing you!

2 Set **(take the reins of)** your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- Like a horseback rider does with a horse, take control of your mind...
- Keep your mind on eternal things, heavenly things, spiritual things.
- **PSALM 19:14** “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.”

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- **Wiersbe** - Years ago I heard a story about two sisters who enjoyed attending dances and wild parties. Then they were converted and found new life in Christ. They received an invitation to a party and sent their RSVP in these words: "We regret that we cannot attend because we recently died."
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- **Romans 6:5** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
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- **IF... Some sin has you enslaved...** Confess it to the Lord and rein it in... Pull hard on the reins of your flesh! Get help if you cannot do it alone.
  - Go to meetings... Get a sponsor... Become accountable... DO the hard-painful work of getting free! You KNOW how this works...
  - NO PAIN....?
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  - **Chuck Smith** – Remember that the death by crucifixion was not an instantaneous death. It was slow and painful and accomplished much. SO...
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  - **Jesus will help you. Get free! Then...**

4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

- We will have such joy on that day when we realize that our flesh has fallen off and we will be as perfect as Christ on that day!
  - If you have ever done some work that really got you sweaty, dirty, and grimy... THEN you had to shower off, shave, and get into your best suit for a wedding or dinner party or a Christmas Dance ... 😊 That transformation from sweaty to swanky makes you feel different, act different, smell different and yes, even dance better...
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  - That is nothing as compared to the moment when we shall be changed... In a moment... In the twinkling of an eye... WE... SHALL... BE... MADE... LIKE... HIM!
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  - Not just with Him in glory.... BUT... IN Him WITH Glory!

## THE OLD YOU

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, (*Immorality*) passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, (*The worldly lifestyles*) 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

- If you are new creatures... Act like new creatures...

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

- If you are new creatures, SOUND LIKE new creatures.
- Wait, there is more...

9 Do not lie to (*attempt to deceive*) one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

- These are business terms. The Apostle is telling the Church to treat one another fairly when doing business with one another!
- Before Lynette went to nursing school she owned a daycare center. In order to be home when our kids were little she started this County licensed day care.
  - The only checks that bounced were the checks from our church people.
  - The last to pick up their kids... The first to drop them off... The only people who asked us to wait for their bad checks...
  - SO... I had to make a rule: No more church people. THAT IS SAD!
  - Lynette had a waiting list... And it was awkward when she had to tell people, "Sorry, Pastor Tim says no more church people."

## THE OLD MAN IS DEAD...

10 and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, (*Here we go!*) 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor

uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, (**savage**) slave *nor* free, but Christ is all and in all.

- Nobody's skin color or background makes them more or less spiritual!
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- If you have Christ... You have it all!
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- We are all on this journey of becoming more and more like our Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ.
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- **Adam Clarke** - All mankind are his creatures, all conditions are disposed and regulated by his providence, and all human beings are equally purchased by his blood. He alone is the source whence all have proceeded, and to him alone all must return. He is the Maker, Preserver, Savior, and Judge of all men.

### **BECAUSE HE CHOSE YOU...**

12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even **as Christ forgave you**, so you also *must do*.

### **LOVE**

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

### **PEACE**

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; **THANKS** and be thankful.

### **GRACE**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The enemy has done an affective sales job to convince the world that the Church of Jesus is a hateful bunch of haters...

But look at what God has asked us to be: “holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even **as Christ forgave you**, so you also *must do*. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; **THANKS** and be thankful.

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