

Put Off Your Unsaved Life

Colossians 3:5-11

⁵So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. ⁷You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. ⁸But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. ¹¹In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

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Paul reminded the believers in Colossians 3:1, we have a new life. If we have a new one, we must once have had an old one. *What was so wrong about that old life (3:6)?*

Our gospel message is to warn people to be saved from the wrath to come (*Romans 1:18*). If for no other reason, our life is to match the message. A holy life communicates our faith in the message that God's wrath is coming.

Paul presents five (5) sins that call for God's wrath. *How would you defined the five things that were part of "the sinful, earthly things" (3:5)?*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

It is vital that the Christian understand that these things are lurking within us, literally, they are part of our earthly body. They are things of earth. *How are we commanded to deal with these five (3:5)?*

What are some practical ways we put these to death?

Along with these five terrible sins which were a part of sinful life, there are another five which often are socially tolerated, but that also have to put off. *What are five other things should we get rid of (3:7-8)?*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

These five things have a lot to do with social interactions among people. *Why should these not be part of our life (3:1-4, 6, 7, 9-10)?*

Paul brings up one other problem which seems to be a part of the believer's social interaction ... lying. *Why do you think it is so important that we tell each other the truth (3:9)?*

What is happening to us (3:10)?

Something is taking place in your life that you might not have picked up on. Slowly, gradually as you learn more about the nature of God, your own new nature is being transformed into the image of the Creator. This was precisely what Adam was created to be (*Genesis 1:26*).

What is more important than our past (3:11)?