



The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians



CBC Distinctive

A High View of Scripture

A Changed Life

“We believe that all those whom God has genuinely saved by grace through faith alone are new creatures in Christ and will demonstrate that new life by submission to Christ and obedience to God's Word. All Christians still sin, sometimes horribly, and sometimes for extended periods without repentance. But a decreasing pattern of sin and an increasing pattern of holiness will characterize every Christian's life.”

Colossians 3:5–11 (NASB95)

⁵Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

⁶For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

⁷and in them you also **once walked**, when you **were living** in them.

⁸But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the **old self** with its evil practices,

¹⁰and have put on the **new self** who is being **renewed** to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

¹¹a **renewal** in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Flesh

‘It is the storehouse of all our sinful desires, passions and drives that are associated with our humanness.’

Old and New Man/Self/Nature & Flesh

Old Man/Self/Nature

- Unregenerate Self
- Position in Adam
- Identity as Unbelievers

New Man/Self/Nature

- Regenerate Self
- Position in Christ
- Identity as Believers

Flesh, Cannot Be

- Changed
- Reformed
- Trained or Improved
- Reconciled to God

Eph. 4:17-5:1; Rom. 8; Gal. 5:19-24

“We who have died to “the elements of the world” (3:3; 2:20) and to the power of sin (Rom. 6:1–6) because of our union with Christ are to “become” dead to sin in the realities of everyday life. But this “putting to death” of sin is not only demanded by our incorporation into Christ; it is also empowered and effected by it. Union with Christ, because it puts us in a new relationship to sin and brings us into the sphere of the Spirit’s power, *will* impact the way we live. Ultimately, then, the imperative “put to death” in this verse must be viewed as a call to respond to, and cooperate with, the transformative power that is **already operative within us.**”

Douglas J. Moo, [*The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2008), 255.

Becoming Who We Are (1)

Col. 3:5-11

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Becoming Who We Are

1. Slay Earthliness (5-9)

a. Put to death the 'Sensual Sins' (5-7)

- i. Those that appeal to the lust of the flesh (5a)
 - 1. Immorality / Fornication
 - 2. Uncleanliness / Impurity
 - 3. Passion / Inordinate Affection
 - 4. Evil Desire
- ii. Those that appeal to the lust of the eyes (5b) - Greed / Covetousness

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- ii. Those that appeal the lust of the eyes (5b)
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 1. To avoid the 'wrath of God' (6)
 2. We have died to them (7)

Becoming Who We Are

1. Slay Earthliness (5-9)

a. Put to death the 'Sensual Sins' (5-7)

b. Put off the 'Social Sins' (8-9)

i. Those that appeal to emotions (8a)

1. Anger

2. Wrath

3. Malice

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i. Slander / Blasphemy

ii. Abusive Speech / Filthy Language

iii. Lying

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ii. Those that appeal to speech (8b-9a)

iii. Why Put off the 'Social Sins'? (9b)

1. Sanctification is not an overnight process (9b)

2. Do in 'practice' what is true in 'principle' (9b)

Becoming Who We Are

1. Justification (Positional Sanctification)
2. Sanctification (Progressive Sanctification)
3. Glorification (Final Sanctification)

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2. Step Up in Christlikeness(10-11)

- a. Put on the 'New Man' (10a)
- b. Pursue Christlikeness (10b-11a)
- c. Remember – Christ is sufficient (11b)

Becoming Who We Are

1. Slay Earthliness (5-9)

2. Step Up in Christlikeness(10-11)

3. Responding to the Text

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Responding to the Text

- ✓ Commit to slaying the sins of the flesh, and make a plan to attack and mortify them one by one.

“Sanctification in its essential nature is not holy acts, but such a change in the state of the soul, that sinful acts become more infrequent, and **holy acts more and more habitual and controlling.**”

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Group Discussion Questions

1. As Christians ‘we are to become who we are.’ How would this be encouraging to you in the fight against sin and the pursuit of holiness?
2. There is a ‘put off’, but there is also a ‘put on’ when it comes to sanctification (we just don’t fight sin, we also pursue holiness). How do you think this aspect of Paul’s instructions guards us from growing weary?
3. How might the true worship of God drown out temptations to sin?
4. What are some specific areas in your life that you need to ‘put off?’ (**For Personal Reflection and Meditation**)

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 2. Not something that occurs overnight (9b)

2. Step Up the Christly (10-11)

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- b. Pursuing Christlikeness (11)