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# **Colossians**

## **Chapter 3**

# Colossians 3 Overview

- Seek things above (3:1-4).
- Put off the old self (3:5-9).
- Put on the new self (3:10-25).

# Seek things above (3:1-4).

- v. 3—Identified with Christ in death
- v. 1—Raised with Christ in life
  - He is our life (v.4).
  - We seek heavenly things, not earthly (1-2).
- v. 4—To be glorified with Him

# PUT TO DEATH (sins re. sex, v.5)

- sexual immorality
- impurity (contamination of character from immorality)
- passion (lust—esp. strong, even uncontrolled, sexual urges)
- evil desire (craving, strong desire)
- greed (always wanting more—never satisfied)

# **PUT OFF (sins re. anger, v.8)**

- anger (seething hatred)
- wrath or rage (anger expressed in words / actions)
- malice (intending to injure)
- slander (speaking evil of another)
- abusive (obscene) speech (vulgar language—defiles both speaker & hearer)

# **PUT ON (Christlikeness)**

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Gentleness (meekness)
- Patience



# **PUT ON (Christlikeness)**

- Bearing with one another
- Forgiveness
- Love (bond of unity)
- Peace of Christ
- Gratitude

# Allow Christ's Peace to Rule

- **Psalm 37:8** Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.
- **John 14:27b** Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

We represent the Lord  
Jesus at all times (v.17).  
How well are we doing?

# Are You Willing To Submit?

- v.11—God saves all without distinction. However, in the way we live, we must serve Him in the roles He gives.
- v.18—“submit” = “to arrange under”—voluntarily accepting my God-given role.
- Submission does not imply inferiority.

# Examples of Submission

- Christ submits to God the Father (1 Cor. 15:28; Php. 2:5-8).
- The church submits to Christ (Eph. 5:24).
- Christians submit to one another (Eph. 5:21).

# Examples of Submission

- Younger people submit to older people (1 Pet. 5:5).
- We submit to governing authorities (Rom. 13:1; Titus 3:1).
- Jesus submitted to Mary & Joseph (Luke 2:51).

# Examples of Submission

- Children obey parents (Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1).
- Wives submit to their own husbands in the Lord (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 3:1).
- Slaves obey their masters (Col. 3:22).

PUT OFF OLD; PUT ON NEW.

“We were *formed* in God’s image, and *deformed* from God’s image by sin.

But through Jesus Christ, we can be *transformed* into God’s image!”

~Chuck Missler



# Ephesians 4

22 . . . **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and *be renewed in the spirit of your mind*,

24 and . . . **put on** the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

# Romans 12:1-2

- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service
- And do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

# 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding as in a mirror the  
glory of the Lord, are being  
transformed into the same  
image from glory to glory . . . .