

Introduction:

Today we will begin looking at *How Christians Should Live*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Living Like Christ in Your Everyday Relationships.

Living Like Christ in Your Everyday Relationships:

01. What did Paul urge the church to put to death?

02. What did the church in Colossae need to set their hearts and minds on?

03. What should we fully identify with?

04. What common metaphor does Paul draw upon?

Article 1) Some Things Need to be Taken Off:

"Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth." —**Colossians 3:5-8**

First there are the Sexual Sins...

- (1) Sexual immorality: illicit sex—sexual activity outside of marriage.
- (2) Impurity: moral impurity in thought and imagination.
- (3) Lust: sexual desire which does not rest until it is satisfied. Burning passion.
- (4) Evil desires: a broader word describing all kinds of evil desires.
- (5) Greed: within this context, the word picks up sexual overtones, but applies to insatiable selfish desires of any kind.

There are also Sins of Attitude and Speech that Are Inconsistent with the Christian Life...

- (1) Anger and rage: words that describe the deep-seated, burning anger which smolders and then flares up with the intensity of a raging fire.
- (2) Malice: a vicious attitude that contemplates doing harm to another.
- (3) Slander: an attempt to belittle another or to damage his or her reputation by what we say.
- (4) Filthy language: indecent, crude, dirty, lewd, or abusive language.
- (5) Lying: wrong at any time but is especially damaging to the trust and unity that ought to characterize the body of Christ (Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:11; Ephesians 4:25).

05. What do the things that Paul says we are to “take off” represent?

Article 2) Some Things Need to be Put On:

“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.” —Colossians 3:12-15

- (1) Compassion: Christlike sensitivity and heartfelt sympathy for the welfare of others.
- (2) Kindness: a friendly, helpful attitude that seeks to meet the needs of others through gracious deeds.
- (3) Humility: an attitude that recognizes one’s own weaknesses but acknowledges the power of God.
- (4) Gentleness: an obedient yielding (submission) to God and His will that displays itself in a gentle attitude and kind acts to others, even in the face of provocation.
- (5) Patience: the ability to bear up under injustice or unpleasant circumstances without giving in to inappropriate conduct or the urge to retaliate.
- (6) Forbearance: a tolerant attitude toward another person.
- (7) Forgiveness: the complete forgiveness exhibited by Christ to each redeemed sinner.
- (8) Unifying love: authentic Christian love is pictured as a belt or sash that holds all of the spiritual garments in place.

Article 2) continued...

(9) Peace: the peace that is to characterize the Christian comes from God and guards the heart of the believer, protecting it from all that would disturb it or flow from it...

(10) Thankfulness: a strikingly attractive attitude of expressed gratitude that characterizes authentic Christians.

(11) The indwelling Word: the message of Christ, which is the focus of God's Word that was to fill their hearts. It also needed to dwell among them richly as a church.

(12) Sharing: the mutual instruction and encouragement that characterize an authentic Christian community and each Christian in it.

(13) A Singing Heart: spiritual songs of all kinds overflow from hearts of thanksgiving among those redeemed by God's grace.

06. What must you do if you are going to say you are a Christian?

07. Everything a Christian does must depend upon who?

08. In Christ there is what?
