

Colossians 3:1-17

One Point: You are new. Live that way!

1. When you were young, what was something you set your heart on?
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Read v. 1-4

1. What are some examples of “things above” and “things on earth”?
 2. What are some effects of setting the mind on earthly things?
 3. How can we set our hearts and minds on things above rather than earthly things?
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Read v. 5-11

1. What do the things listed in verse 5 have in common?
 2. How have you seen falling back into these motives and actions affect you and your relationships to others?
 3. We may still struggle with sin, but what resources can help us to change? How are these resources better than determination or “trying harder”?
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Read v. 12-17

1. How does the description in verse 12 compare to the way the world views others? How you view yourself?
 2. How do we “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus”? How would that transform what you say and do every day?
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What I will be talking about

Paul makes a shift in Chapter 3 of Colossians to practical application of the doctrine he had discussed previously. What we believe must affect how we behave! We have been given a new life, and that must be shown with a new lifestyle.

Every day, we are pulled in different directions. The world is full of empty things that tell us they can fulfill us, when we need to be focused on the fulfillment that we have in Christ. Just as we get rid of old clothes when we receive new ones, we must rid ourselves of these earthly desires and live lives that show that we are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved. We must live lives that are holy, set apart, because that is what we are!

What keeps you from putting off the old self and putting on the new self? What does God want you to rid yourself of so that your life can be a reflection of His Glory?