

## **Colossians 3:1-17 You are new. Live that way!**

You know how it is getting new clothes and getting rid of old ones.

Paul makes a shift beginning in Chapter 3. He previously discussed doctrine, what the Colossians were to believe and hold to. Now, he focuses on how beliefs should affect behavior.

### ✓ **First: Seek The Things Above**

How? – Set our minds on heavenly things, on our relationship with Christ

- We Died With Christ Vs. 3

Christ not only died for us (substitution), we identify with Him in the death of our sin nature.

- We Live In Christ Vs. 4

Christ is our life.

*1 John 5:12*

*Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*Philippians 1:21*

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

- We Are Raised With Christ Vs. 1
- We Are Hidden With Christ Vs. 3

Our life is secure in Christ, and it is found in Christ.

- We Will Appear In Glory Vs. 4

One day, Christ will return in His glory, and we will be with Him!

Now, don't become so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good. We are to live our lives on this earth with a heavenly perspective, making our decisions in light of our relationship with Christ.

### ✓ **Next: Put To Death Earthly Things and Put On The New! Vs. 5-11**

Paul lists very specific sins, ending with covetousness.

Coveting can cause us to break every other commandment!

Vs. 5 Paul is addressing desires in this verse.

*James 1:14-15*

*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

Paul then addresses social sins.

We would be shocked if someone in the church committed adultery, but we see people lose their tempers all the time and look past it.

Paul wanted to stress that it is all of you that needs to be changed. A new life means a new lifestyle!

The picture used is of changing clothes. When we have dirty or worn out clothes, we aren't going to take them off only to put them back on a short time later! We put on new clothes! In the same way, we must put off our old self, and put on the new self, which is constantly being renewed in Christ.

Vs. 11 Human differences should mean nothing when we are living a new life!

✓ **Last: Live Your New Life!** Vs. 12-17

We are loved! And we are holy (set apart)!

Because of that, Paul says there are things we are to “put on” and character we are to exhibit. (Vs. 12-13)

In verses 14-17 Paul moves from character to conduct.

- Love
- Let Peace Rule
- Be Thankful
- Let the Word Dwell Richly, with thankfulness
- Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks

Gratitude for what God has done in our lives should be the motivator to living our new lives!