# Rooted in Christ – A Study of Colossians—Lesson 13

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(Putting Sin to Death part 1; Verses 5-7)

Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you also, lay them all aside: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you put off the old man with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new man who is being renewed to a full knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—11 a 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. -- Colossians 3:5-11

Day 1—Verse 5

*Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. --Colossians 3:5* 

1. What is the "therefore" there for?

2. What are our members?

3. Why are we to consider them dead (literally, "put to death")?

4. If the power of sin over us has been put to death when we died with Christ, why do we still need to fight sin?

5. How does Luke 9:23-25 connect to this verse?

6. Based on verses 1-4, why is it so important that we put to death what is earthly in us?

7. Based on verses 1-4, how do we put to death what is earthly in us?

8. Why is it so important to know verses 1-4 before we get to verses 5-9?

9. Read Romans 6:11-14. What does this add to your understanding of the passage in Colossians?

## Day 2—Verse 5

*Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. --Colossians 3:5* 

1. From Matthew 5:29-30 how serious are we to treat sin in our members?

a. What does James 3:6 tell us is the most deadly member of the body?

2. Define sexual immorality (porneia).

a. From Matthew 15:19 and Mark 7:21-23 where does immortality stem from?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What does this passage teach us about the seriousness of sexual sin?

4. Define impurity (*akatharsia*). How does Matthew 5:28 help you to understand the meaning of this word?

5. Passion (*pathos*) means "a feeling which the mind suffers, an affection of the mind, emotion, passion; passionate desire". The way it is used in this verse implies that even sinful desires and emotions that we do not choose are to be put to death. How does that differ from how our culture uses the word passion?

6. We are told today that desire is not sinful; only acting on desire is sinful. How does this verse address that issue?

Day 3—Verse 5

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1. This list begins with a list of sexual sins and ends with greed. What is the connection between greed and sexual sin?

2. Define coveting/greed.

a. Why is coveting (greed) so sinful?

b. What do the 10 Commandments tell us about covetousness?

3. Find 2 stories in Scripture about those who had a disastrous end because of their covetousness.

4. Define idolatry.

a. How is coveting (greed) a form of idolatry?

b. What do the 10 Commandments tell us about idolatry?

5. What does the New Testament tell us about Idolatry and how we are to treat it?

6. What is the opposite of coveting?

7. What does James 4:1-3 teach us about passion, evil desires, and covetousness?

8. What are some examples of idols that Christians are prone to set up in their hearts?

a. Why is it wrong to set idols up in our hearts?

9. Our sin usually has an effect on others. How are others affected by the sins listed here?

#### Heart check:

- Are you struggling with any of the sins listed here? What needs to change in your life for you to put these sins to death?
- In Cololssians 2:13 and Colossians 3:5 Paul gives us the only two states of man: he is either dead in sin or dead to sin. Which state are you in? If you are dead in sin, come to Christ in repentance and faith!

## Day 4-Verse 6

On account of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, --Colossians 3:6

1. Why is the wrath of God coming because of these things?

2. What is God's wrath?

3. When is the wrath of God coming?

4. Why do so many professing believers avoid speaking about the wrath of God?

a. What aspect of God's character is on display through His wrath?

b. How does minimizing of God's wrath take away from the glory of the work and person of Jesus Christ?

5. Who are the sons of disobedience?

6. As believers we are no longer under the wrath of God. What then does happen to believers who walk in these sins? Use Scripture to support your answer.

- 7. What do these verses teach us about the discipline of the Lord in the life of a believer?
  - a. Deuteronomy 8:5-6
  - b. Job 5:17-18
  - c. Psalm 94:12
  - d. Proverbs 3:11-12
  - e. Proverbs 10:17

- f. Proverbs 12:1
- g. Hebrews 12:10-11
- h. Revelation 3:19

#### Heart Check:

- Do you live in fear of God's wrath? Is this fear warranted? Why or why not?
- Why is it important to take God's wrath seriously?

# Day 5—Verse 7

and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. --Colossians 3:7

1. When did we once walk in these things?

2. What do Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:23 and 5:3-7 tell you about how you once walked?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:11. What happened to us to change us so that we can walk in holiness?

4. Do you often think of your old life and what the Lord has saved you from?

- a. How would remembering who we were and the sin that we once walked in help us to put to death these 5 deadly sins?
- 5. Contrast this verse with Galatians 5:25. Where should we walk now?

6. Read Ephesians 2:4-9. Thinking of your former manner of life and now reading this, what has been poured out upon you because of Christ?

7. Think of the wrath of God poured out on Christ for you. How can making this a daily practice benefit both your godliness and worship?

#### Heart check:

- Do you look down on others for engaging in these sins? Confess that sin to God and thank him for his mercy to forgive you of your sin.
- How can scripture memory help you put off your sin and put on Christlikeness?

#### **Dig Deeper:**

- Do a word study on the words: unclean, covetousness, and idolatry in the Old Testament.
- Further reading on Covetousness: https://www.chapellibrary.org/search?input=covetousness
- Further reading on Idolatry: <u>https://www.chapellibrary.org/search?input=idolatry</u>