

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Book of Colossians - 6

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Text: Col. 3:1-17

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PRINCIPLES OF HOLY LIVING

INTRODUCTION These last two chapters of Colossian talks about the Christian and what God expects from us now that we have received new life in Christ. The “old man’s” ruin is to be replaced with yjr “new man” Christ imparts to every believer. However, this new nature and humanity within us cannot be seen or experienced without our will’s permission. From the home, the heart all the way to the life of the church – each believer is to put on the new apparel of holiness to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ within. Let’s look at how this is to be accomplished by Paul’s principles for holy living. We see...

I. Holiness Begins with the Heart’s Affection – (3:1-4)

A) Its Place – “*We transfer our affection from earth to heaven.*”

B) Its Person – “*We must direct our affection toward Jesus.*”

II. Holiness Blossoms by Your Spiritual Apparel – (3:5-17)

A) What to Put Off – “*Attitudes and Actions displeasing to God*”

B) What to Put On – “*Allow the New Nature to unfold in your life*”

CONCLUSION: the moment we become a Christian the ground is leveled as to our person and place. Regardless of whether we come from the lowest state of humanity, or the highest position of worldly acclaim, we are equal before God. All the differences of creeds, culture and class are obliterated. Now it’s up to each of us to begin building upward through manifesting holiness in our home, community and church life. How are you doing? Does holiness characterize your new life in Christ? Have you “put on,” the new spiritual apparel that Christ wore and displayed among men? May God help each of us to work hard at surrendering to Christ’s will to accomplish this.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

The New International Version

Col 3:1-17 (NIV) "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."