

I. A New Life - Col. 3:1-4

1. Being saved means (**verse 1**)
 - raised with Christ
 - therefore set your hearts on things above ...
 - Rea ...since you are saved
 - Rea -KJV says set your “affection” on things above (**verse 2**)
 - that’s where Christ is seated with the Father - right hand
2. Disposition or mindset is highlighted in verse 2
 - Rea -before the flood the “imagination” of the world was on evil continually
 - Rea -the big idea in verse 2 is that they should be heavenly minded vs earthly minded, because he goes on to list those things
3. This is what happened when you were saved (**verse 3**)
 - A. Your life was “hidden” with Christ in God
 - B. We have a heavenly attachment
 - Rea C. An old illustration comes to mind... evangelists used to tell us that anything that came on us had to go through Christ first - like He is a barrel and we are inside the barrel
 - Rea -we have been placed within Christ, and He in God - supernaturally placed there
4. When Christ appears you too will appear
 - meet Him in the air (in glory)
 - Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. A big point - we are different now, heaven is our focus now
 - therefore set your affection there
2. Affections meander from one thing to another - “set” yours on Christ/ God - heavenly things
 - we ought be more “affectionate” about spiritual things than we are about football things in the fall, in the south - wow!
3. “Raised with Christ” - spiritual resurrection has already occurred
4. Verses 5-7 get into what that means, and how to do it

II. Put Off - Col. 3:5-7

1. Put to death (**verse 5**)
 - everything that belongs to earth/ earthly nature
 - then he gives a list of these type things
 - Rea -“put to death” sounds as if it is a willful act - the KJV says “mortify” which means to “put to death”
2. The list
 - A. Sexual immorality - “*porneia*” like pornography
 - Rea -is it ever okay for a believer to view pornography? - some of the programs that air on our televisions are very, very borderline porn - put it to death
 - B. Impurity -moral uncleanness - not just acts but thoughts and speech - put it to death

- C. Lust - uncontrolled desire - put it to death
 - D. Evil desires and greed - a desire for more and more - which is idolatry - put it to death
- 3. Pause... because of these the wrath of God is coming (**verse 6**)
 - future judgment of God
- Rea -such judgment is consistent with the way God has always looked at these things
- 4. The old life is characterized by these (**verse 7**)
 - the contrast... old life/ new life
 - before you were saved
- 5. But not... new life (**verse 8**)
 - rid yourselves of these
- Rea -put them to death
- 6. Now a new list begins:
 - A. Anger - smoldering wrath
 - B. Rage - wild and uncontrollable wrath
 - C. Malice - disposition to hurt others
 - D. Slander - words against another (Rea - gossip type language)
 - E. Filthy language - abusive speech
 - F. Do not lie (**verse 9**)
 - lying used to be a lifestyle
 - the reason? You've taken off the old life and put on a new one
 - the illustration is like taking off a coat that belongs to the old life
- 7. You have put on a new self (**verse 10**)
 - being renewed
- Rea -compare with the "renewing of the mind" at Romans 12:1-2
- renewed in the image of its creator - Jesus
- Rea -compare the new image at Romans 8:29
- 8. In this new life (**verse 11**)
 - A. There is no Gentile nor Jew
 - B. There is no circumcised nor uncircumcised
 - C. There is no Barbarian, Scythian
 - D. There is no slave nor free
 - But Christ... He is all in all
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 - 1. The big idea (again) is the contrast and the change
 - 2. What about those who don't really feel they need to change old practices? - are they saved? - grace is sufficient to forgive... and change
 - 3. Sin is taken very seriously in Paul's writing... not so much in today's local church
 - 4. I was taught not to "name sins" in seminary... but obviously Paul did not go to that seminary

III. Put On - Col. 3:12-17

- 1. Clothe yourselves with... (**verse 12**)
 - A. Compassion - benevolent graciousness
 - B. Kindness - considerate
- Rea -manners?

- C. Humility
 - not retaliation
- D. Gentleness
- E. Patience
- 2. To “clothe yourself” sounds like deliberate action to me
- 3. Bear with one another (**verse 13**)
 - A. And forgive
 - just as the Lord forgave you
- 4. Love -put it on above all else (**verse 14**)
 - a summation of the other virtues
- 5. Let peace rule (**verse 15**)
 - in your hearts
 - since you are called to peace
- 6. Be thankful
 - no commentary needed
- 7. Let His message dwell among you richly (**verse 16**)
 - A. Teach and admonish one another - in wisdom
 - B. Singing songs and hymns
- 8. Whatever you do in word or deed - do it all in the name of Jesus (**verse 17**)
- 9. The idea? - do these things - verses 12-17
- Ideas and Questions:**
 - 1. These are all deliberately added
 - or do they “just happen?”
 - 2. A long list, not a short one - to make sure his recipients get the message - live like this!
 - 3. If we don’t tell people the type lives they ought live - they will not know
 - they are certainly not going to get it on TV - or at school
 - 4. Put off/ put on - like a coat or clothes
 - there does not seem to be any “middle ground” - not much gray area here

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