

A Different Way to Live

Colossians 3:1-4

Christians should live by Biblical values

A. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

1. Seek heavenly things (3:1)

a. An attitude centered on Christ

Matthew 6:33

b. An aptitude centered on right thinking

Philippians 4:8

c. An action based on Christ's position

- the right hand of God

Hebrews 10:12

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A. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2) continued

2. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we?

- a. Make it a heart priority - Matthew 6:19-21**
- b. Use God's heavenly standard - Luke 12:15-21**
- c. Have faith in God's promises - Hebrews 11:8-10**
- d. Endure righteous suffering for long term reward
Hebrews 11:24-26**
- e. Realize proper affection leads to true fulfillment
James 1:2-4**
- f. Have the right kind of love - 1 John 2:15-17**

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B. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

1. Union with Christ (3:1, 3a)

We should live differently because we are

a. Risen with Christ

b. Dead to Sin

Romans 6:5-8

2. Security in Christ (3b)

a. “life is hid” - A picture of buried treasure

John 10:28-30

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B. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4) continued

3. Glorification with Christ (3:4)

When Christ appears

a. At the Rapture - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

We see Him and receive glorified bodies

Philippians 3:20-21

b. At the Second Coming of Christ

Jude 14-15

The world sees Christ and we reign with Him

2 Timothy 2:11-12

**If we change our way
of thinking, we will
change the way we live**

Getting Rid of Sinful Habits

Colossians 3:5-11

Christians should discard sinful habits

I. Put Sins to Death (3:5-7)

Colossians 3:5-7

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

I. Put Sins to Death (3:5-7)

A. Sins identified (3:5)

1. Fornication - Sexual immorality

2. Uncleaness - Impurity (Proverbs 23:7a)

3. Inordinate affection - Evil passions

Trademark of the heathen

1 Thessalonians 4:5

**Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles
which know not God:**

Romans 1:26

**For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections:
for even their women did change the natural use into
that which is against nature:**

I. Put Sins to Death (3:5-7)

A. Sins identified (3:5) - continued

4. Evil concupiscence - Wrong desires

5. Covetousness - Greed

The Lesson of Achan (Joshua 7)



I. Put Sins to Death (3:5-7)

B. Sins indicted (3:6-7)

God's judgment is sure

1. Noah's day (Genesis 6:1-7, 13)

2. Lot's day (Genesis 19:1-10)

3. Last days (Luke 17:26-30)

II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

Colossians 3:8-11

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

**We need to realize that we are clothed with
righteousness**

II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

A. The exhortation (3:8-9a)

Clean out the spiritual wardrobe of “old self”



II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

A. The exhortation (3:8-9a)

1. Clean out the spiritual wardrobe of “old self”

a. Anger - Hostility that burns and simmers

b. Wrath - Anger that boils over

c. Malice – Badness

Get even if it is the last thing I do

d. Blasphemy - Verbal expression of malice

e. Filthy communication - Inappropriate language

II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

A. The exhortation (3:8-9a) - continued

1. Clean out the spiritual wardrobe of “old self” continued

f. Lie not one to another

2 John 4

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

Ephesians 4:15

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

A. The exhortation (3:8-9a) - continued

2. Same thought as preparing for a running race

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

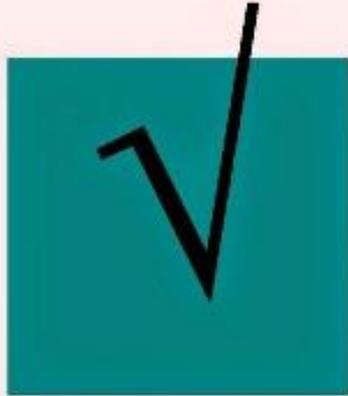
II. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

B. The explanation (3:9b-11)

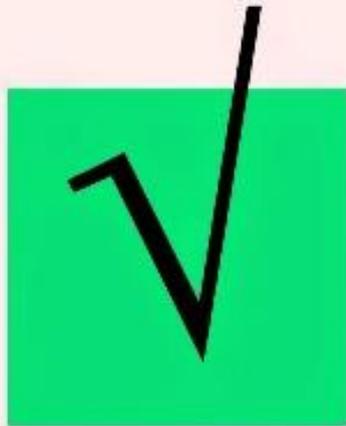
Three reasons

- 1. In Christ, the Christian has died to sin**
- 2. The Christian is supposed to be Christ-like**
- 3. Because Christians are one in Christ, we should not resent or hurt one another.**

TO DO TODAY...



**Put off
the old man**



**Put on the
new man**