

Getting Rid of Sinful Habits

Colossians 3:5-11

Christians should discard sinful habits

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

1. Sins identified (3:5)

a. Fornication - Sexual immorality

b. Uncleanness - Impurity (Proverbs 23:7a)

c. Inordinate affection - Evil passions

Trademark of the heathen

1 Thessalonians 4:5, Romans 1:26

d. Evil concupiscence - Wrong desires

e. Covetousness - Greed

The Lesson of Achan (Joshua 7)

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

2. Sins indicted (3:6-7)

God's judgment is sure

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

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

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

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B. Discard Sins (3:8-11)

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

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

1). Anger - Hostility that burns and simmers

2). Wrath - Anger that boils over

3). Malice – Badness

Get even if it is the last thing I do

4). Blasphemy - Verbal expression of malice

5). Filthy communication – Inappropriate language

6). Lie not one to another

2 John 4, Ephesians 4:15

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B. Discard Sins (3:8-11) - continued

2. Same thought as preparing for a running race

Hebrews 12:1

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

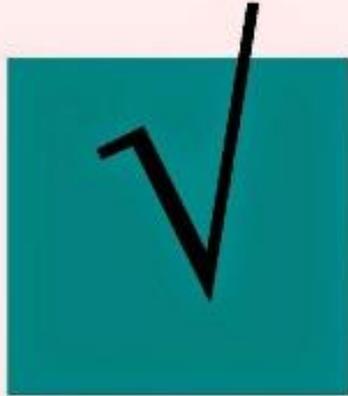
Three reasons

a. In Christ, the Christian has died to sin

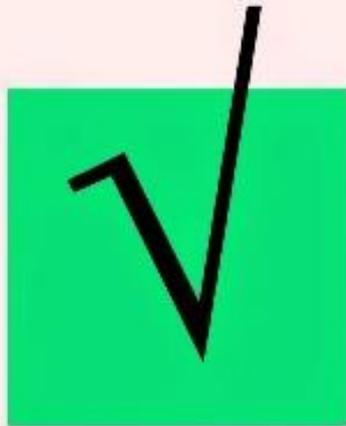
b. The Christian is supposed to be Christ-like

c. 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**

Putting On New Clothes

Colossians 3:12-17

**Christians should be kind, loving
representatives of Jesus Christ**

***"Clothes Make
The Man"***

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I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

Colossians 3:12-14

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

A. Beautiful garments (3:12-13)

**1. “bowels of mercies” =
tenderheartedness + compassion**

Apparent only when we minister as Christ did

Luke 7:19-22

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

A. Beautiful garments (3:12-13) - continued

2. “kindness” = “gentleness” - A sweet disposition

3. “humbleness of mind”

a. Make a correct estimate of oneself

1 Corinthians 15:10a

But by the grace of God I am what I am

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

b. Glory only in the Lord

2 Corinthians 10:17

But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

A. Beautiful garments (3:12-13) - continued

4. “meekness” - Glad willingness to God’s will

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Luke 22:42

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

A. Beautiful garments (3:12-13) - continued

5. “longsuffering” = Being patient with those who offend us

6. “forbearing” = Puts up with believers who talk in an irritating manner

**7. “forgiving” = Based on our forgiveness by Christ
Joseph’s example - Genesis 50:15-21**

Genesis 50:15-21

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

Genesis 50:15-21 - continued

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

I. New Clothes (3:12-14)

B. Best garment (3:14)

1. Love (1 Corinthians 13)

Apparent only when we minister as Christ did

Luke 7:1-9

1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

Luke 7:1-9 - continued

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

Luke 7:1-9 - continued

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

II. New Conduct (3:15-17)

Colossians 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

II. New Conduct (3:15-17)

A Heart Issue

A. Esteem one another (3:15)

1. Rule = arbitrate

2. Takes effort

Ephesians 4:3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

II. New Conduct (3:15-17)

A Heart Issue

B. Encourage one another (3:16)

1. If the words of Christ dwell ...

1. Richly

2. In all wisdom

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

II. New Conduct (3:15-17)

A Heart Issue

B. Encourage one another (3:16) - continued

2. “Sing” to teach and admonish ...

a. Psalms - OT psalms

b. Hymns - Songs of praise

c. Spiritual songs - Songs of truth

Psalm 66:17

**I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was
extolled with my tongue.**

II. New Conduct (3:15-17)

A Heart Issue

C. Extol the Lord (3:17)

1. Actions that issue from the right heart attitude

Psalm 57:7

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

2. See all of our life as sacred

Psalm 108:1

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Conclusion

Are We Wearing The Clothes That Christ Provides?

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.