“Reality of Personal Transformation in the Christian Life”

Colossians 3:5-11 Sunday February 18, 2024

## INTRODUCTION READ Colossians 3:1-24 [Pew Bible pg. 925]

Responsibility of Spiritual Formation in the Christian Life 3:1-4

In Christ Looking Up and In Christ Laying Aside vv. 5, 8-9

 In Christ Putting On vv. 12, 15-17

We as Christians ought to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus in all things [1:10] because He is above all things and over all [1:15-20]. We as Christians are to walk in Him [2:6] and do all things in Him and for Him [3:17] because Christ is our life [3:4]. So two commands in verses five to eight . . .

1. Personal Transformation Requires Putting To Death Certain Sins
2. Requirements of Dealing Completely With These Sins 3:5

 You Need To Stop These All In Everyway

“Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead”

COMMAND AAImptv to cease completely from activity, with the implication of extreme measures taken to guarantee such a cessation—"to stop completely, to cease completely, put to death.”

 Read Romans 6:11 and 8:13 In contrast to 2:20-23

to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed

 unfaithful unholy undignified ungodly

[covetousness], which is idolatry.

such sins the contempt of Jews against Gentiles

such sins reveal the sinful desires of the human heart

such sins show the sinful attitudes of human flesh

1. Reasons for Dealing Completely With These Sins 3:6-7

On account of **these things**,

 the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience

 **and in them** you also once walked,

 when you were living **in them**.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5; Romans 1:29-31

1. Personal Transformation Means Laying Aside Specific Sins

You Must Put Them All Away

1. Requirements of Putting Away All of Them Sins 3:8a

 “But now you also, lay **them all** aside . . .” COMMAND AMImptv

 put away, place aside to another location stop, get rid of, the figurative

 extension of the prior entry “do it yourself right now”

 Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22, 25; Hebrews 12:1; James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1

1. Realities of Putting Away All of Them Sins 3:8b

Five specific sins identified here which we must all lay aside . . .

 Five special qualities there which we must all put on [3:12]

* Wrath divine punishment based on angry judgment against someone

same word in verse six

* Anger an intense, passionate desire of an overwhelming and possibly destructive character—‘intense desire, overwhelming passion.”
* Malice a feeling of hostility and strong dislike, desiring to do harm—‘hateful feeling.’ ‘together with every hateful feeling” [Ephesians 4:31]
* Slander to speak against someone in such a way as to harm or injure his or her reputation—"to revile, to defame, to blaspheme, reviling.”
* Abusive Speech from your mouth obscene, shameful speech involving culturally disapproved themes—‘vulgar speech, obscene speech, dirty talk.’ “slander and dirty talk that ever came from your lips”

CONCLUSION

Putting to Death Certain Sins and Laying Aside Specific Sins

1. Memorize and know these lists so that the presence of such sins not stay
2. The need for each of us actively and personally laying aside specific sins
3. Take the commanded Christian action when confronted about these sins
4. Living my Christian life with such sins in my past as one changed by Christ
5. Present Obedience in both my desires and deeds as a Christian
6. Making these lists of sins the matters of our confession of sin before God