

The Great Put Off
Colossians 3:5-9

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Small Group Discussion

I. Your old life is crucified, so kill your earthly habits. Colossians 3:5

The Greek tense used here, "**Put to death**" suggests a decisive and _____ action in killing our earthly habits.

1. **Fornication** is the Greek word *porneia* which is where we get the English word pornography.
2. **Uncleanness** in a moral sense describes the impurity of lustful or indulgent living or having impure _____.
3. **Passion** in a bad sense, depraved passion, vile passions.
4. **Evil Desire** is a _____ with thinking, feeling, acting base, wrong, or wicked.
5. **Covetousness** which is being greedy with a _____ to have more; or wanting something that belongs to someone else.

Covetousness happens when we want something or someone that God has not given us; we tend to _____ the thing or person we want, which is idolatry.

II. God's wrath is coming. Colossians 3:6-7

God's wrath is based off of His holiness and is _____; where our wrath is usually emotional and not holy nor justified.

- God _____ Jesus Christ's death to all who will receive Him by faith, in order to satisfy the consequence of His wrath.

God's wrath is coming upon those who refuse the way of _____ provided by the blood of Jesus Christ; but for those who accept the free gift of salvation through Christ, we have been redeemed.

III. What is my response as a follower? Colossians 3:8-9

"We must reject those basic assumptions that have caused our trouble—putting them off, rejecting them, divesting ourselves of them—just as you would put off your _____." (Stedman)

- Christians are to put off the _____ sinful way of life; renew their mind with Biblical truth, and put on the _____ godly way of life.

IV. Practical Application.

Personal transformation is a process where the Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to _____ us to become more Christ-like. **Romans 12:1-2**

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *Why should believers live differently than they did before they were saved?*
2 Corinthians 5:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians. 4:16-18
2. *Look at the sins that Paul specifically names in Colossians 3:5 that we are to get rid of. How does each of these sins undermine the body of Christ? Which of these sins is the greatest temptation for you? How so?*
3. *Why did Paul say greed and idolatry were the same sin?*
Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:10, Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 6:24-30, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Exodus 20:5
4. *Why does God have wrath? How are God's wrath and man's wrath different? How does a person escape the penalty of God's wrath?*
Romans 1:18, Romans 2:5, Isaiah 59:2, Exodus 22:22-24, Romans 3:23, James 2:10, Galatians 5:19-21
5. *What is the follower of Christ's response to this teaching? What should be our motives for putting "on the new man"? How does a person put off the sins Paul mentions in this passage? What old sins have you discarded since you became a Christian?*
2 Corinthians 5:14, Acts 20:24, Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 John 1:9
6. *Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon.*