

Colossians: Christ Supreme **"Out With The Old, In With The New"**

Colossians 3:5-17 - 8/12/18

How am I to live life as a Christian, now that I'm in Christ?

Colossians 3:5-9

1) By Putting Sin & The Old Self Aside

This seems rather obvious, but to do so is a struggle.

Colossians 3... 5b - 7b - 8b

The body is to be dead to sin, and the mouth is to be shut to sin.

If we fake it, we'll falter. But if we're authentic and repentant, God will reward us.

Do you have issues and problems that you would like to escape?...
Rather than fake your own death, the Bible suggests that you go ahead and die - to self!

We hide behind masks, afraid of what others might think of us if they knew the truth; and rather than dying to pride and pretense, we fake our death.

Colossians 3:10-13

2) By 'Putting On' The 'New Self', With A 'New Heart'

Now that we're *in* Christ, *all* things have been made new... And that must be fleshed-out! **Vs.'s 12b +13**

Religion, spirituality and our efforts will be 'of no value against fleshly indulgence', apart from *Jesus* and us abiding in Him.

"The Christian reasons that because Jesus Christ came into the world and lived and died, and has risen again - it gives them new life, and therefore, they live differently." - Pastor Tim Keller

"Our focus is to 'put-on' the 'new self', which is rooted and grounded in Christ and directly impacts His followers identity, as well as how they live." - Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

"Christianity isn't a moral self-improvement course. You don't just sign-up and work hard to change yourself, as that is the School of Legalism, not the School of Grace. In the School of Grace/Christ, change comes in a totally different way - 'by grace through faith', so that the Schoolmaster gets all the glory, and not the students." - Anonymous

Colossians 3:14-17

3) By 'Putting On Love' And Letting Peace Rule, As We Live *All* Of Life For Him

When it comes to 'putting on love', we have to be intentional.

When we're tempted to complain and criticize, rant and ridicule, or denounce and demean, instead, we must allow peace to rule.

Unfortunately yet understandably, we allow the issues of life to affect the life of the church. But what if we strived to not do that?... And instead, by the power of the Holy Spirit within, we chose peace.

We're to live *all* of life for Him. **Vs.17a**

This is where we will find happiness!