

Colossians 3:5-11 **Renewal and Service**

1. If you are saved, your life is in Christ

- a. "If ye then be risen with Christ..." **If you are saved**, this is as true as Col 2:20. The old man is crucified. The new man lives (in Christ). (Rom 6:6, 11)
 - i. **If you are saved**, your **life** is only in Christ. (1 Cor 15:10, Gal 2:20)
 - ii. You have been given the ability to walk in accordance with your **standing** in Christ (this is walking after the Spirit). Who will you do service to?
- b. Seek those things above, mind heavenly things. Christ is our head in heaven. Set your course according to that. You are seated in heavenly places in Christ. (2 Tim 4:7)

2. The wrath of God and who you are • Colossians 3:5-7

- a. "Therefore," What's the motivation? Our life in Christ.
- b. Mortify: Subdue, bring under subjection. Utilize the mortal body you are in! It was purchased by God. (1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Cor 9:27)
- c. The deeds of the flesh, the wages of sin, the wrath of God (Eph 5:3-6, Rom 6:23, Rom 1:18)
- d. Such **were** some of you. **But** by God's grace... (1 Cor 6:9-11, **15**)
- e. "When ye lived in them," this used to be your only option. We live in Christ now. (Eph 2:1-3)

3. Off with the old, on with the new (man) • Colossians 3:8-11

- a. The behaviors (deeds) listed are problems in **the mind** of the old man. (Rom 1:22, 28-32)
- b. The flesh desires what it always did in Adam. But the life you now live is your eternal one in Christ.
- c. "Ye have put off the old man..." How? The circumcision of Christ. (Col 2:11)
- d. You now require a renewed mind (in knowledge) after Christ (Col 2:8, Rom 12:2)
- e. The renewed mind enables service to God. (Eph 4:17-24)
- f. Ye **have** put off, ye **have** put on. You are either in Adam or in Christ. (1 Cor 15:22)
- g. Your old man is never your identity or standing before God.
- h. Notice: good works are a result of believing, understanding, and acknowledging your standing in Christ. (Rom 5:1-2, 1 Cor 3:16, Col 1:9-10)
- i. If you are saved, there is only Christ. We do not know Christ after the flesh, we know no man after the flesh. The body is of Christ. (2 Cor 5:16)