

Sermon Notes

Transformation
(Colossians 3:1-11)

1. What Christ Has Accomplished For Us (vs. 1)

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ..."

2. How To See Yourself In The Light Of What Christ Has Accomplished (vs. 2-4)

"... keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."

3. How To Live In The Light Of What Christ Has Accomplished (vs. 5-11)

"Therefore put to death the members of your earthly body to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him-- a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all."

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For Further Thought And Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where what you were wearing was inappropriate for the occasion? What did you do?

Going Deeper

1. In Colossians 2:11-12, 20, and 3:1, Paul says that Christians have *already* died and been raised with Christ. What do you think he means? In what sense have we died and been raised to new life? What is new about us? What hasn't been renewed yet? How does this change our relationship with sin? (Romans 6:6-14)
2. Please read Colossians 3:1-4. What do you think Paul means by "set your mind on things above and not on the things of earth?" How does Paul explain what means in the immediate verses which follow? Why is it critical that we see ourselves from heaven's perspective? What do you learn about yourself from these verses? If you saw yourself the way God sees you, what do you think would change? Why must we see ourselves as new creations before we can live as new creations?
3. Please read Colossians 3:5-11. How do we live as new creations? What do you learn about the process of transformation from these verses? What place do our decisions play in the process of growth? How do we put sin to death? If I have died to sin, why do I need to put sin to death? What are some things you personally need to put off and what will you put on in place of them?

Application

What is one lesson you will apply from this week's discussion?
How will you apply it?