

## The Book of Colossians

### Lesson 10

#### Study Notes

#### Christian Living

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**Text: Colossians 3: 5-11.**

*Introduction: Previously we have studied of the preeminence of Christ; and of the completeness of our lives in Him. We now will learn that what we have in Christ is the death of the "\_\_\_\_\_ " and the "putting on of the new man" we are reminded of the dangers of letting the old man dominating our new life in Christ. The truth being taught us is if Christ is preeminent in our lives we will desire and practice a life of \_\_\_\_\_ in our everyday walk. The "old man" is the man of old, the man we used to be. The "new man" is what we are in Christ, the man we are now to be because Christ is our life. The "old man" is what we are by \_\_\_\_\_. Adam passed on a fallen nature, to the entire human race. When we are born again, the Lord gives us a new nature, His own sinless nature, brought into our lives by the regenerating work of the \_\_\_\_\_. In this section Paul points out certain sins which were prevalent in heathendom, and which the Colossians had practiced during their sinful day; but now, since they are made alive in Christ, these sins must be \_\_\_\_\_ entirely. The Oriental, Greek, and Roman religions of the Colossian era placed very little importance on personal \_\_\_\_\_.*

*A new life within demands a new life without; \_\_\_\_\_ causes change.*

#### **I. Catalog of Sins. Colossians 3:5.**

The word "mortify" is from the Greek word *nekroo* which means to make dead. The flesh must be kept in the place of death; it must be nailed to a cross. God does for us that we cannot do for ourselves, but He expects us to do for ourselves those things that are \_\_\_\_\_. Since we are new creations in Christ, since we possess the divine nature of God in the Holy Ghost who leads us; we can crucify the flesh and the lust thereof by \_\_\_\_\_ these members that make up the "old man."

"Members" refers to the physical members so far as they are employed in the service of \_\_\_\_\_.

The command is given to mortify our members so that we may refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ the carnal desires of the flesh. The phrase "*which are upon the earth*" describes these members as the organs of the earthly, sensuous life.

#### **A. Fornication.**

The word is *porneia* (por-ni'-ah) it is illicit sexual intercourse between unmarried partners' similar to, but not identical with, adultery. In a broader sense all sexual immorality.

#### **B. Uncleaness.**

The meaning is impurity in thought and speech, dirty mindedness, indecency. Uncleaness in a moral sense; the impurity of \_\_\_\_\_.

*C. Inordinate affection.*

The meaning is depraved passion, uncontrolled lust, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*D. Evil concupiscence.*

The meaning is wicked craving and sensualness beyond natural expression.

*E. Covetousness.*

The meaning is a greedy desire to have more; entire disregard for the \_\_\_\_\_.

The sum of these sins when practiced is idolatry; the worship of false gods, putting things in place of God. Lust and greed account for the \_\_\_\_\_ of human sins, the sins which hold the human race in an iron grip. All of these lusts and all of this lawlessness we carry around with us in our hearts. The "old man" watches sleeplessly for an opportunity to seize control of the body that it once owned for yet another \_\_\_\_\_ of sinful pleasure.

**II. Condemnation of Wrath.**

***Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:***

Our sin provokes the wrath of God. This wrath has no other place to fall than upon those who break the Law of God whether ignorantly or willfully. Paul here describes those who are separated from God as the "children of disobedience." The object of God's impending judgment is a creation that has totally rejected the principles of \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Consciousness of the Past.**

***Colossians 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.***

Here is some food for thought:

God's part—"ye are dead." Our part—"mortify, therefore, your members."

God's part—an accomplishment—"ye are dead." Our part—an acceptance—"mortify, therefore, your members."

God's part—truth revealed—"ye are dead." Our part—truth realized—"mortify therefore."

God's part—the eternal fact—"ye are dead." Our part—the daily act—"mortify therefore"

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the conditions that once ordered our behavior and conducted every aspect of our lives. The sphere in which we once lived ordered our lives because of those things that the environment associated with us.

**IV. Cleansing of the Present.**

***Colossians 3:8-10***

We should put aside and rid ourselves of these:

*A. Put off anger.*

The meaning is uncontrolled \_\_\_\_\_; a deep-seated emotion of ill will, a settled feeling of habitual hate, revengeful resentment.

*B. Put off wrath.*

The meaning is a boiling agitation, fiery outburst of temper, violent fit of \_\_\_\_\_, passionate outbreak of exasperation.

*C. Put off malice.*

The meaning is vicious disposition, depraved spite, willful desire to injure, cruel malignity, which rejoices in \_\_\_\_\_.

*D. Put off blasphemy.*

The meaning is slanderous talk, reviling, evil speaking, railing insults, reckless and bitter abuse; speech that is injurious to another's \_\_\_\_\_.

*E. Put off filthy communication out of your mouth.*

The meaning is obscene speech, shameful speaking, four-mouthed abuse, dirty jokes and unclean stories.

*F. Lie not one to another.*

The Greek present imperative forbids a continuation of action that is going on. Simply \_\_\_\_\_.

***Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;***

*G. Put off the old man.*

The old man is the old unregenerated nature derived from Adam and received by the first birth. The old man has not been converted, has not been renewed, and has not been improved; he is corrupt, useless, and must be put off. The word put off means to \_\_\_\_\_ and discard like a filthy, worn-out garment, tossed on the rubbish heap.

*H. Put on the new man.*

***Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:***

The new man is the person we are after the new birth. Note the word "renewed" is in the present passive participle, which indicates \_\_\_\_\_ being renewed. This is a continuous process; the new man has not yet matured and is ever in the state of development.

**V. Christ is Our All.**

***Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.***

The new man in Christ comes with an obliteration of distinctions. There is no national privilege; nor cultural standings, and social castes are non-existent. When we have Christ, we have everything we need.