

Series: Colossians–The Supremacy of Christ

Sermon: Position and Condition in Christ

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11

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Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

¹ *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

² *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

³ *For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

⁴ *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

⁵ *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

⁶ *On account of these the wrath of God is coming.*

⁷ *In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.*

⁸ *But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.*

⁹ *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices*

¹⁰ *and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

¹¹ *Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

"What is satisfying about the second half of this Colossian letter is that so complete a picture of practical Christianity is given in so short a space."

- Dick Lucas, *The Bible Speaks Today, The Message of Colossians and Philemon*, p. 133.

1. Embrace your position in the righteousness of Christ. (v. 1-4)

Set your heart's affections and your mind's attention on things above.

2. Mortify your condition through the power of Christ. (v. 5-11)

Put off your old self, put on your new self.

Every day when you're getting dressed, when you're taking off the "old" and putting on the "new" for that day ... pray while you're doing it. Pray something like this:

"Lord, as I take off these dirty clothes, let it be a reminder of what I'm to take off in my sin nature every day. And as I put on these "new" clothes, let it be a reminder of what I need to put on in you today. Remind me that I'm clothed in your righteousness ... that I am covered in Christ and that I will appear with Him in glory when He returns. But also remind me of the sin that so easily entangles me and give me your power to throw those vices off ... to kill sin. I am yours, Jesus. Help me to dress like it. In your name, Amen."