

The Heavenly Lifestyle

Colossians 3:1-17

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.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1. What type of values should believers in Christ have?

2. What two reasons does Paul give for us having these values?

3. How does our new identity affect our mindset?

4. Read Romans 6:3-8. What does Paul mean in verse 3 that we have died?

5. How is our life “hidden” with Christ in God?

6. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. How will we appear with Him in Glory?

7. What does the Lord command us to do with our earthly nature? Why?

8. What are some of the works of the earthly nature (compare Galatians 5:19-24)

9. What should our present relationship be with the works of our earthly nature?

10. The word “put off” in verse nine is used of taking off dirty clothes and “put on” for clean clothes. What is Paul’s point?

11. Which type of distinctions does the Lord remove in Christ?

12. In verses 12-14, what new clothes does Paul tell us to put on?

13. In verse 14, what is it that holds all of the other attributes together?

14. In verse 15-16 Paul moves from the external life to the internal?

15. What is the overarching principle in verse 17?
