

October 13, 2019
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Col. 3:1-17

“In A Manner Worthy – Putting Off & Putting On – Part 2”
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Recap Of Last Week – **We must keep our focus on CHRIST. v.1-4**

1. We have been raised with Christ - v.1a
2. We are commanded to keep seeking Christ – v.1b, 2
3. We have died with Christ and we live with Christ - v.3
4. We will appear in glory with Christ - v.4

So, then we must live “In a manner worthy” of these truths

Eph. 4:1 - “Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk **in a manner worthy** of the calling with which you have been called.”

Phil. 1:27, Col. 1:9-11, 1 Thes. 2:11-13, (Romans 16:2, 3 John 1:6 – Hospitality)

What does “a manner worthy” look like?

We must _____ these things. v.5-11

Which one do you currently struggle with?

We now must _____ these things. v.12-17

Which one would you like to see increase in your life?

3 Encouragements -

1. God _____ you to _____! Phil. 2:13, 1 Peter 1:16
2. You are _____. John 14:16, 26, 1 Thes. 5:11
3. Your _____ will be better and people will be influenced for the Gospel.
Matt. 5:16

Finally - BE who you ARE. - v.17

“Whatever you do in word or deed, *do all in the name of the Lord Jesus*, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

Discussion & Application:

1. What are some practical ways that we could “put to death” our former practices? v.5
2. Can you think of one of the 10 Commandments that we specifically violate when we practice the sins listed here? v.5
3. According to v.7, what is the difference between a person sinning **before** they were “Raised up with Christ” and that same person who sins after receiving Christ?
4. If Paul has addressed this passage to those who are definitely believers in the Colossian church, what is he encouraging them to do in v.11 and why is it so important?
5. Of all of the qualities that are listed in v.12-17, which one seems to be the hardest for you to “put on?”
6. What does v.17 say that ties in perfectly with the theme of Joe’s message to us last week? (See the beginning of today's sermon notes)
7. God’s Word encourages us to “bear one another’s burdens” and “pray for one another,” James 5:16. Would you consider taking time **today** to pray with another brother or sister in Christ about some sin that you are struggling to “put off?” Or, about some Christ-like quality that you are having a hard time “putting on?” (If you are answering these questions by yourself, would you consider calling someone else now and asking for prayer?)

Fill-ins: put off, put on, 1. wants, succeed, 2. not alone, 3. relationships

In A Manner Worthy

Part 2

“Putting Off and Putting On”

Colossians 3:1-17

RECAP OF LAST WEEK:

We must keep our focus on CHRIST

“¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”

1. We have been RAISED with Christ – v. 1
2. We are COMMANDED to keep SEEKING Christ – v. 1b-2
3. We have DIED with Christ and we LIVE with Christ – v. 3
4. We will APPEAR in GLORY with Christ – v. 4

So then, we must live

“in a manner worthy” of these truths

Eph. 4:1

⁴ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

What does “in a manner worthy” look like?

I. We must put off these things

⁵Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,
¹⁰and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—
¹¹*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.

2. So now we must put on these things.

¹²So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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