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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Book of Colossians – week 7



Let's hear your story

1. What was Paul reminding the believers of in Colossians 3:1 NKJV? **(That they were raised with Christ.)**
2. How does Romans 8:11 confirm Colossians 3:1? **(The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead DWELLS IN YOU.)**
3. What was Paul encouraging the believers to do in v.2? **(Set "fix or exercise" your mind on things above.)**
4. What does v.3 mean that our life is hidden in Christ? **(It is safe and secure).**



Let's go deeper

5. What was Paul saying in v.5, that believers should do with their bodies? **(To discipline and control their bodies and actions.)**
6. What are the things believers had to put off in v.8? **(Anger, wrath, malice blasphemy and filthy communication.)**
7. What did Paul mean by putting off the "old man" and putting on the "new man" in v.9 – 10? **(Paul emphasized 2 different kinds of life – old man refers to our old nature, and new man refers to our new nature).**
8. What can we learn from v.11? **(Everything that divides man is done away with in Christ. Christ is all that matters, not the external things).**



Let's apply this

- 9. 1 Thessalonians 5:23;** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole **spirit, soul and body** be preserved at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- v.5;** Do not be led by our bodies (what we see, touch, feel, taste, etc.).
v.8; Do not be led by our soul (sight, emotions, will, mind, etc.).
v.8 – 11; Be led by our spirit, our new nature and life that is with Christ.
- Renew our minds with v.1 – 4.
 - Set (concrete) our minds on Christ and His authority for us v.2.
 - Discipline our bodies (put to death our old nature) v.5 – 10.
 - Walk by faith, God's Word is a mirror for our spirit – see James 1:25.

SUMMARY:

- **Colossians: Week 7 (Renewing of the mind)**

Read: Colossians 3:1 – 11

v.1; Paul reminds the believers of their new life in Christ, they are risen with Christ and that they should seek heavenly things, not earthly things. The phrase where Christ is seated at the right hand of God is Jesus' supreme position of authority.

v.2; The word "set" means to become fixed or harden, it is a permanent focus on things above. It takes time to set our minds on things above (example of concrete).

v.3; Paul reminds the believers that they are "dead," their old nature is dead. The word "hidden" means something that is concealed and safe. Our lives are safe and secure in Christ.

v.4; Paul says that Christ Himself is our life. He doesn't just give life; He is our life. Christianity is not us living for God, but rather Christ living through us. Paul says when Christ return, we shall appear with Him and be glorified with Him.

v.5; The word "mortify," means to discipline one's body. The Greek word "Nekroo," means to put to death. Paul was saying that we are to control our bodies & actions.

The Greek word for **fornication** is "porneia," and means adultery, incest, harlotry. The Greek word for **uncleanness** is "akatharsia," and means physical/moral impurity. For **passion** is "pathos", refers to sexual passion that is exceeding reasonable limits. For **evil desire** is "epithumia," and means lusts; lust or desire. **Covetousness** is really the root of all sin, because it is a selfish desire. It has been described as ruthless self-seeking.

v.6; Paul was referring to unbelievers as the "sons of disobedience."

v.7; Paul was saying that the Colossian believers used to commit these sins in v.5.

v.8; Paul explained the putting off of one kind of life, and the putting on of another.

Anger is the feeling or emotion of hostility, indignation, rage or wrath.

Wrath is an action motivated by anger.

Malice is the desire to harm others or to see others suffer.

Blasphemy is evil speaking especially against the Lord Jesus.

Filthy communication is foul speaking, vulgar and swearing.

All of these sins have to do with one's talk and speech.

v.9 – 11; The expressions of "putting off" and "putting on" emphasize two different kinds of life. The "old man" refers to the old nature one had before accepting Christ. The "new man" is the new nature that is created in righteousness and true holiness.