

Jesus Your Life (Colossians 3:2-17)

Jesus Your Everything – Part 4
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Colossians 3:2 (NIV) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:4 (NIV) When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1. Put to death your _____ self

Colossians 3:5-6 (NIV) Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

A. Rid yourself of ungodly _____

Colossians 3:8 (NIV) But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

B. Don't _____ to one another

Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV) Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

C. Make Christ your _____

Colossians 3:11 (NIV) Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

2. Put on the _____ self

Colossians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

A. _____ as Jesus forgave you

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

B. _____ one another

Colossians 3:14 (NIV) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

C. Let the _____ of Christ rule in your heart

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

D. Let the _____ of Christ live in your heart

Colossians 3:16 (NIV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

E. Do everything in Jesus' _____

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Intro. How would you answer the question “What are you living for?” What answers do you think you would get from people in society?

What does it mean to set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2-3)?

How does fixing your eyes on Jesus prepare you for life here and now (Colossians 3:4, Hebrews 12:1-3)?

- 1A. How would you put to death the practices and attitudes described in Colossians 3:5-6?
- 1B. Why is it important that a believer’s speech be above reproach (Colossians 3:8)? In what ways is gossip a form of slander?
- 1C. What are the consequences of lying with regard to relationships (Colossians 3:9-10)? How is breaking a promise the same as lying (Numbers 30:2, Matthew 5:33-37)?
- 1D. Why is segregation between believers based on age, race, religious background, money or education not of God (Colossians 3:11)? What should a church look like (Revelation 7:9)?

- 1E. In what ways must we be careful about what we watch, read or who we spend time with in order to put to death sin in our lives?
- 2A. How does clothing yourself with godly character help with putting to death the actions of the old self (Colossians 3:12)?
- 2B. Why is patience and forgiveness so important to maintain relationships in families and the church (Colossians 3:13)?
- 2C. How are we to follow God’s example of unconditional (agape) love (Colossians 3:14)?
- 2D. What does it mean to “let the peace of Christ rule in your heart” (Colossians 3:15)?
- 2E. In what ways can you teach and encourage others with God’s Word (Colossians 3:16)?
- 2F. Describe what it means to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17).
- 2G. What is one thing listed in this passage that you will put to death? What is one thing that you will clothe yourself with? How will this help you be a better ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)?