

# Christ Over All

## A study in Colossians

Taking Off  
Colossians 3:5-11  
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Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...on account of these the wrath of God is coming. - Colossians 3:5-6

### I. THE MORTIFICATION OF SIN

- We are called to “Put to death” all that is earthly in us (Matt. 16:24-25; Col. 3:2; Eph. 5:3).
- “Earthly” things include, but are not limited to: Sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, and lies (Vss. 5, 8-9; Eph. 4:17-32).
- Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming on our world, and individuals within it (Vs. 6; Eph 2:1-3).

### II. THE NEW LIFE

- The “old self” is to be put aside. We died to that life. The new life is to be “put on,” a life that is being renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator, Jesus Christ (Vss. 9-10; Rom. 6:1-14).
- In the new life there are no barriers or qualifiers, no Jews, Greeks, clean and unclean, ethnic distinctions. Christ is all, and he is in all (Vs. 11).
- Christ has preached peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near (Eph. 2:17).

### III. HOW DO WE DO IT?

1. See sin for what it is. Call it what it is. We are the problem.
2. See sin for what it is in God’s eyes.
3. Call out your inconsistencies. Don’t make excuses for them.
4. Give your sin to Jesus. Put it to death.
5. Live now in the newness of your life in Christ. Live free, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery to sin again.

**KNOW:** When we put to death what is earthly in us, we find that Christ fills the void and becomes all in all to us. In Christ we are one body made up of many individuals from every walk of life.

**DO:** Put sin to death in your life. Let Christ be all in all for you.

#### Suggested Reading:

*Of The Mortification of Sin in Believers (in updated English)* by John Owen, edited by Richard Rushing (Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

#### For Children/Teens:

*Growing in Godliness: A Teen Girls Guide to Maturing in Christ* by Lindsey Carlson (Available in the LifePoint Children’s Library)

*I Am Holy: The Fall* by Jennie Allen (Available in the LifePoint Children’s Library)

**Next Week’s Text:** Colossians 3:12-17

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please Read Colossians 3:5-11

1. What is Paul’s concern for the church in Colossae in this passage?
2. Are there any sins in Paul’s list that surprise you?
3. What do we do if we find that we engage in a sin (or sins) on this list of Paul’s?
4. Is it possible to be a true Christ follower and have little or no desire to put off our old self?
5. How do we go about putting on the new self?
6. What does it mean that this new self is being renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator?
7. What steps will you take to mortify your sin and put on the new self?