



## COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 || PUTTING ON WHAT IS TRUE

Christian life flows from identity, not performance. Because we have been raised together with Christ, we are called to seek what is above, put to death what belongs to the old life, and put on the character of Christ in community.

...NOTES...

### 1. THE TRUEST THING ABOUT YOU

*Colossians 3:1 | Colossians 2:12*

- “If then you have been raised with Christ...”

This is not hypothetical → it is identity-based

- A completed act:

You have been raised with Christ

📌 Key Idea:

The Christian life begins with what is already true—not what you must achieve.

Supporting Scripture:

- Colossians 2:12 – Raised with Him through faith
- Romans 6:4–5 – Walk in newness of life

📄 Reflection:

- What do I believe is the truest thing about me?

### 2. A NEW DIRECTION: SEEK & SET

*Colossians 3:1–2 | Matthew 6:33*

Two Commands:

Seek (ζητέω) → your *pursuit*

Set your mind (φρονέω) → your *thinking*

📌 Key Idea:

Identity shapes attention → attention shapes desire → desire shapes direction

What are we seeking?

- “Things above”

Where Christ is seated and reigning

📄 Reflection Questions:

- What is capturing my attention daily?

Where does my mind drift naturally?

### 3. YOUR SECURITY IN CHRIST

Colossians 3:3–4 | Psalm 27:1–5

- “Your life is hidden with Christ in God”

Present reality → secure

Future reality → revealed in glory

📌 Key Idea:

You are safe now and will be revealed later.

### 4. PUT TO DEATH THE OLD LIFE

Colossians 3:5–7

Command:

Put to death (νεκρώω) = treat as dead

Progression of Sin (Outside → Inside):

- Sexual immorality (πορνεία)
- Impurity
- Passion
- Evil desire
- Covetousness (idolatry)

📌 Key Idea:

Sin is not just behavior—it is rooted desire.

Why so serious?

- “The wrath of God is coming” (v.6)

📄 Reflection:

- What am I tolerating that God says must be killed?

### 5. PUT OFF THE OLD SELF

Colossians 3:8–9

Second List (Inside → Outside):

- Anger
- Wrath
- Malice
- Slander
- Obscene talk
- Lying

📌 Key Idea:

This list moves from internal attitude → external speech

## 6. PUT ON THE NEW SELF

Colossians 3:9–12

- You have:

Put off (stripped away)

Put on (clothed anew)

- Renewal is:
  - Ongoing

Rooted in knowledge (ἐπίγνωσις)

📌 Key Idea:

Transformation comes through truth, not feelings.

## 7. A NEW IDENTITY (NO MORE DIVISIONS)

Colossians 3:11

- No:
  - Greek / Jew
  - Slave / free
- But:
  - Christ is all and in all

📌 Key Idea:

Your primary identity is no longer cultural—it is Christ.

## 8. PUT ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

Colossians 3:12–14

Who You Are:

- Chosen
- Holy
- Beloved

What You Put On:

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience
- Forgiveness

➔ Above all: LOVE

📖 Connections:

- Exodus 34:6–7 – God’s character
- Leviticus 19:2 – Be holy
- Luke 6:36 – Be merciful

📌 Key Idea:

You are not earning righteousness—you are reflecting God’s character.

## 9. LET PEACE RULE

Colossians 3:15 | Ephesians 2:14–16

- “Let the peace of Christ rule”

Rule = act as umpire / authority

📌 Key Idea:

This is not emotional calm—it is reconciliation through Christ.

- Peace with God → peace with others

## 10. LET THE WORD DWELL

Colossians 3:16

“Dwell” (ἐνοικέω) = make a home

Not occasional → permanent residence

📌 Key Idea:

The word is meant to *live in you richly*, not visit occasionally.

Happens in Community:

- Teaching
- Admonishing
- Singing

📌 Key Idea:

The Word dwells richly in a people, not just a person.

📄 Reflection:

Is this what I'm seeing in my church? How can I be a part of seeing this lived out in my church?

## 11. THE SOUND OF A CHRIST-SHAPED LIFE

Colossians 3:16–17

A healthy church sounds like:

- Teaching truth
- Correcting in wisdom
- Singing with gratitude

📌 Result:

A life shaped by the Word becomes a life filled with worship.

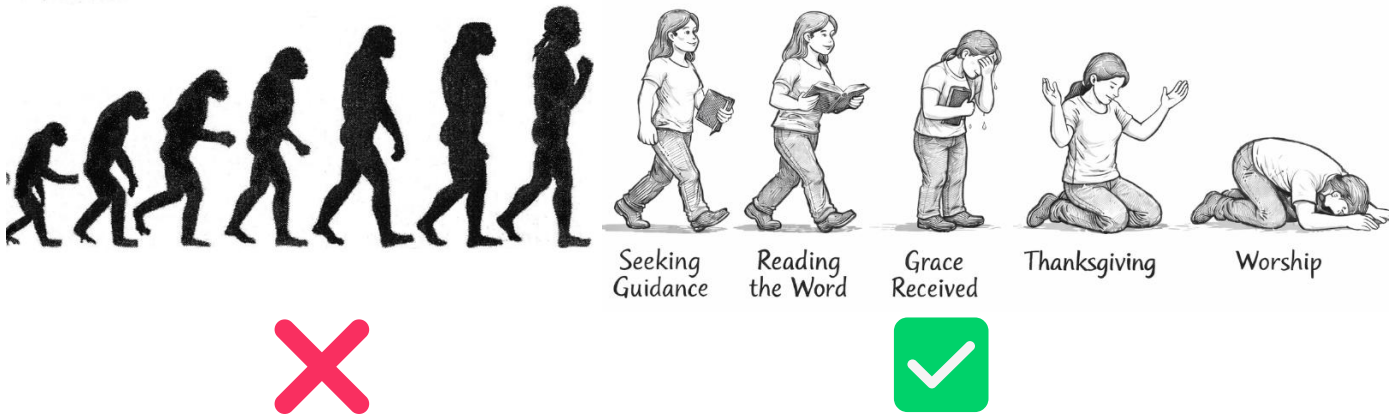
## 12. THE SUMMARY STATEMENT

Colossians 3:17

- “Whatever you do...”
- Word + deed
- All in Jesus’ name
- With thanksgiving

✦ Key Idea:

The goal is not behavior management—it is Christ-centered living.



## BIG PICTURE FLOW

1. You have been raised (identity)
2. Seek and set your mind (direction)
3. Put to death / put off (remove old)
4. Put on Christlike character (new life)
5. Let peace rule & word dwell (ongoing formation)
6. Live it out in everything (daily life)

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

- What am I seeking most right now?
- What is shaping my thinking?
- What needs to be put to death?
- What does it look like to “put on” Christ this week?
- Is the Word dwelling in me... or just visiting?

## NEXT STEPS

We’ve just spent time in Colossians 3:1–17—lifting our eyes to what is true, putting off what no longer belongs to us, and putting on a life shaped by Christ.

Now we’re heading into our final session together, where Paul will bring this whole letter to a close—moving from identity into everyday relationships, daily rhythms, and faithful perseverance.

*Preparing for Our Final Session –*

- 1) Complete Lesson 6 in the “Colossians: Rooted & Renewed” study  
or
- 2) Read Colossians and take close note using the DWELL Method™