



## Lesson #2: Your Behavior (Colossians 3:5-11)

*"You \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ and you \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ because you \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_; you think what you think because you \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ about God, His Word, and about yourself."*

This philosophy is very biblically grounded and finds a firm foundation in many of Paul's epistles. We spent a significant amount of time last week focusing on what we believe about Christ and how that affects our thinking or mindset (Colossians 3:1-4). Today, we begin to consider how that belief and mindset adjusts what we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in our interactions. If Jesus doesn't have your heart, he won't be displayed in your behavior. But, if he does have your heart, than He is \_\_\_\_\_ your behavior. We live in a culture that recoils at the thought of someone (let alone ourselves) examining our outwards behavior. Paul isn't concerned with what people may think. Those who are truly wrapped up in Jesus cannot afford to be cavalier about their behavior.

**You Must Look at All Your Behavior with Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5-7)**  
*"Mortify"* (v. 5) means "to put to \_\_\_\_\_." That sounds negative, but often a negative response to something is the only valid one.

- A. You must kill off \_\_\_\_\_ behavior (v. 5)**  
 These things of the earth are obviously inferior objects when compared with spiritual or \_\_\_\_\_ things. Paul is making the point that it would be insane for a person whose mind is wrapped up in heavenly things to pursue inferior, earthly things.
- B. You must kill off \_\_\_\_\_ behavior (v. 6)**  
 Some behavior bears the price tag of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes the devil can tempt us into thinking that our sin is minor and will not be punished. The truth Paul communicates is that there is no clearance rack in that which brings the anger of the Almighty God.
- C. You must kill off \_\_\_\_\_ behavior (v. 7)**  
 Believers no longer live in the realm of the world. We live in a sphere represented by \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. To live in one realm and practice the lifestyle of another is hypocritical.

**You Must Look at All Your Behavior with Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5-10)**

If we are truly going to become the new men and women God wants us to be there is going to be some radical components we need to attack. Paul names the activities that need to be put to death ... namely \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Attack \_\_\_\_\_ sins (v. 5)**  
 These are sins the sins of pleasure. They appeal to our senses.
- "Fornication" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Uncleanness" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Inordinate Affection" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Evil Concupiscence" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Covetousness" – \_\_\_\_\_
- It is not enough to mourn these sins, to hate these sins, to pray for deliverance from these sins, etc. We must put them to \_\_\_\_\_!

- B. Attack \_\_\_\_\_ sins (v. 8-9)**  
 This next group of imperatives Pauls gives deal with our relationships.
- "Anger" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Wrath" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Malice" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Blasphemy" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Filthy Communication" – \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Lying" – \_\_\_\_\_
- The Christian is called to put off, literally cast away onself.

**You Must Look at All Your Behavior with a Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (3:11)**  
 Having a right relationship with other people can be difficult to try and navigate. Paul tells us that a change in your behavior (because of Christ) will result the godly navigational tools necessary for living at \_\_\_\_\_ with all men.

- A. You have \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ**  
 In this new man, whose prototype is Jesus Christ, there is no gender strife, no ethnic hierarchy, no racial division, no societal classes, and no personality cliques. Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ cord. We are called to live in unity. Anything less reflects a heart and subsequent behavior that is not wrapped up in Jesus!
- B. You have \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ**  
 Ultimately, we are called to focus on our behavior because of who we are and what we have in Christ. Paul summarizes that truth at the end of verse 11: "Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_." Literally everything is to be seen through that reality.

### Concluding Thoughts

If our destiny is to be recreated into the image of Christ unto the glory of God, then our behavior is important. After all, "sow a \_\_\_\_\_, reap an \_\_\_\_\_; sow an action, reap a \_\_\_\_\_; sow a habit, reap a \_\_\_\_\_; sow a character, reap a \_\_\_\_\_."