



## Key References:

### Colossians 3:1–17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### 1 – OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Mark on Sunday said; *“your gaze determines your destiny.”* **What did you think about Mark’s motorcycle story? How does this pair with Colossians 3:2?**

Read Colossians 3:1-5. **Using this section how would you describe justification, sanctification and glorification? And, are they past, present, or future tense terms for us?**

Mark said; *“God is passionate about freeing us from our past life... He’s passionate about making us more like His Son.”* And, *“each day we are given the choice on how much to cooperate with God.”* **Is sanctification an automatic process? What is our part to play in this process?**

### 2 – PUTTING TO DEATH WHAT HAS DIED

Read Colossians 3:5-11. **Why do we have to “put to death” sin in our lives if we are already dead to these things in Christ?**

**If our future-justification before God is secure what then what is the correct motivation to respond to this list of things to put to death?**

We’ve each had different journeys with sanctification. **If you feel comfortable, what has this journey been like from salvation until now?**

### 3 – PUTTING ON THE NEW SELF

Mark shared a story of new spring-fashions, and how it would be strange for someone to get a new wardrobe but never get around to putting on the new clothes. **Why did he share this story? Is it possible for a saved, justified Christian to never get around to putting on “the new self” from v10?**

Read Colossians 3:12-17. **How have you seen these characteristics grow in your life or the lives of others recently? Why do you think v15 is pivotal to these things happening? Where else does verses 1-17 point us back to Jesus?**

### 4 – GETTING UNSTUCK

**Are you saved but still feeling stuck? How does the Holy Spirit help us if we’re stuck?**