

COLOSSIANS

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Review of Background

- Occasion: False teachers have promised ritual ways to experience God’s presence and blessing (mysticism/legalism). Paul’s correction in the letter is that those who have trusted in Jesus can already experience the fullness of God’s presence through what has been provided already for the believer in Jesus.
- Theme verse: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:9-10)
- Theme of the Class: Life in our Supreme & Sufficient Savior

Class Outline

- Part 1: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Thinking (1-3:4)
- Part 2: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Living (3:5-4:6)

Lesson 9 – Colossians 3:5-17

Get rid of the old you and put on Jesus!

1. Get rid of the old you (3:5-11).
 - a. Kill the old selfish [your name] (5-7).

- b. Throw away the old rebellion (8-9).
 - c. Know Jesus' identity (10-11).
2. Put on Jesus' identity (3:12-14).
- a. Put on His attributes (12).
 - b. Put on His grace (13).
 - c. Put on His love (14).
3. Put on Jesus' identity through grateful submission (3:15-17).
- a. Let His peace rule (15).
 - b. Let His Word direct (16).
 - c. Let His name dictate (17).

Application

Kill the old selfish you – If you've trusted in Jesus for salvation, then you've changed. However, we can choose to continue to live in the old ways. One of the most common for us is our selfishness. We must kill the old selfishness. It's not about us anymore. We are now able to stop thinking about ourselves and think about Jesus and others.

Throw away the old rebellion – We must throw away the old rebellion. We've been changed by Jesus, and we must live like it! Our mouths are filthy! Out of them come angry words, mocking, scorn, rumors, blasphemy, and lies. What's worse is that this filth first comes from the

heart. These are old habits, temptations of our sin nature, and influences of the world around us. We need Jesus. We must immediately humble ourselves. Confess the sin to God, praise Him for His forgiveness, and ask for his help to walk forward in the Spirit's control.

Know Jesus' identity – As we work at getting rid of the old, we must know our new identity. We must know Jesus. He helps us to live outwardly what has already happened inwardly. He's everything! Day by day, it's a constant effort to think like Him, talk like Him, love like Him, see as He saw, give as He gave. Getting rid of the old man is not so much focusing on stopping all sorts of sins, but rather setting our eyes on Jesus. In the process, you and I, hopefully, disappear! Lose yourself in Jesus. He is everything!

Put on His attributes – Knowing God choose us as individuals set His grace and love upon completely changes our perspective. We must put on His attitudes. This hits us right between the eyes! Paul may have hit our top five most common interpersonal problems! Think about it, if there's a problem with another person, it's pretty likely that there was a lack of mercy, something unkind, a lot of pride, forcefulness, and impatience. These are such common issues. Tender Mercies – Choose compassion in Jesus! Kindness – Choose kindness in Jesus! Humility – Get over yourself in Jesus! Meekness – Be gentle in Jesus. Longsuffering – Endure and be patient in Jesus.

Put on His grace – We must put on Jesus' grace! Its not about showing others where they are wrong or proving how much they hurt us. We give grace. When we are annoyed or frustrated with one another, we bear it, we show grace! Patiently enduring, choosing to love rather than hate. When we are offended, hurt, or even sinned against, we forgive. We choose to show grace. In our hearts, we choose favor upon them rather than hatred, anger, or even justice!

Put on His love – When putting on Jesus’ Identity, the most crucial piece is love! The attitudes we discussed are *loving* attitudes. The grace we discussed is an act of *love!* Love is the capstone. We do not love like we should. In Jesus, we can show the world what Jesus is like through our love.

Let His peace rule – Putting on Jesus’ Identity requires grateful submission. We show that grateful submission by letting His peace rule. We consider the peace we have with God, the resultant unity we have with the body of Christ, and we let peace rule!

Let His Word direct – Our minds, hearts, and lives must be filled with the message of Jesus. First and foremost, with the gospel. The good news that Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again! As that message is “at home” in my life, I must let it direct me. The Word should be the source of our teaching and encouragement to one another. Together, as a congregation, we must lift our voices! It’s one of the ways that the truth of God’s word will instruct and admonish the saints. Endeavor to sing personally! Listen to music that is filled with gospel truth, and the truth of God’s Word. Respond with gratitude to God by singing praise to Him!

Let His name dictate – Grateful submission to God means Letting His Name dictate my actions. We are to be so focused on Jesus, and what He did for us, that our lives overflow in grateful submission. Thank you, Lord, I’ll do whatever you want.