

# COLOSSIANS 3

## 1. CHRIST...the Believer's LIFE and OBJECT...3:1-4

- A. How do we "seek those things which are above?" (vs. 1 & 2)
- B. In what sense are we "dead?" (vs. 3a)
- C. What does it mean, "Your life is hid with Christ in God?" (vs. 3b)
- D. In what sense is Christ "our life?" (vs. 4)

## 2. The OLD MAN & the NEW MAN...3:5-14

- A. What does "mortify" mean and how do we apply this verse? (vs. 5)
- B. In verses 8-14 we are told to "put off" various sins and to "put on" moral virtues (it sounds a lot like "putting off dirty clothes" and "putting on clean clothes"). But then we read that we "have put off the old man" and we "have put on the new man."
  - 1. What is the "old man" and in what sense have we already "put him off?"
  - 2. What is the "new man" and in what sense have we already "put him on?"
- C. Let's look at the "sins" and the "moral virtues"
  - 1. *Fornication*...sexual immorality
  - 2. *Uncleanness*...impure thoughts, words, or actions
  - 3. *Inordinate affection*...uncontrolled passion or lust
  - 4. *Evil concupiscence*...evil desires
  - 5. *Covetousness*...greediness, the desire to have more
  - 6. *Anger*...a feeling of extreme displeasure or indignation against someone or something
  - 7. *Wrath*...sudden outburst of anger
  - 8. *Malice*...an attitude of ill-will towards someone or conduct that will harm them
  - 9. *Blasphemy*...speech that slanders others and tears them down
  - 10. *Filth communications*...impure and obscene language
  - 11. *Bowels of mercy*...tender feelings of compassion toward someone
  - 12. *Kindness*...unselfish spirit of doing something good for others
  - 13. *Humbleness of mind*...lowliness, esteeming others better than oneself
  - 14. *Meekness*...a submissive, patient spirit where passion/anger is kept under control
  - 15. *Longsuffering*...long-tempered, to patiently deal with those who would wrong you
  - 16. *Forbearance*...literally "to hold back"...to bear with someone and hold back punishment
  - 17. *Forgiving*...to "release" someone who has wronged you from what they deserve
  - 18. *Love*...an intense, affectionate concern for another person with no conditions

## D. The PEACE, WORD & GLORY of Christ...vs. 15-17

- 1. What is the "peace of Christ?" (vs. 15)
- 2. What is the "word of Christ?" (vs. 16)
- 3. What does it mean to "do all *in the Name of the Lord Jesus*?"

## 3. Manifesting Christ in our RELATIONSHIPS...vs. 18-25

- A. Wives/SUBMIT..Husbands/LOVE..Children/OBEY..Fathers/PROVOKE NOT..Servants/OBEY