

Colossians 3:5-11

5-7 – Put to death the sinful desires that linger in your life

8 – Put away any action that hinders the unity of the church

9a – Resist falsehood in your dealings with one another

9b-11 – Because you belong to a new humanity

A humanity that identifies with Christ and not Adam

A humanity that is being daily renewed into God's image

A humanity that overcomes all social barriers

A humanity where Christ is both supreme and sufficient

Questions:

1. What was confusing, convicting, or encouraging from this study of Scripture?
2. What sins are we to put to death in verse 5? Why is it right to say that all of these sins are ultimately 'idolatry'?
3. What is the reason we should put sin away in verse 6? How does this change the appeal or allure of sin in our hearts?
4. According to verse 8, what are the sins that hinder our unity as a church body?
5. Why is it right to say that we are putting ourselves in God's place of judgment over one another, when we give into these sinful temptations listed in verse 8,?
6. Read Mark 12:28-31, How does Paul's argument fit into the two great commandments? Do verses 5-6 correlate to the first or second greatest commandment? What about verses 8-9?
7. What are Paul's motivations for instructing us to put off the sinful tendencies that belong to our old nature in verses 10-11? Which one is most compelling to you?
8. By God's grace, what needs to change in your life based on this study of Colossians 3:5-11?