

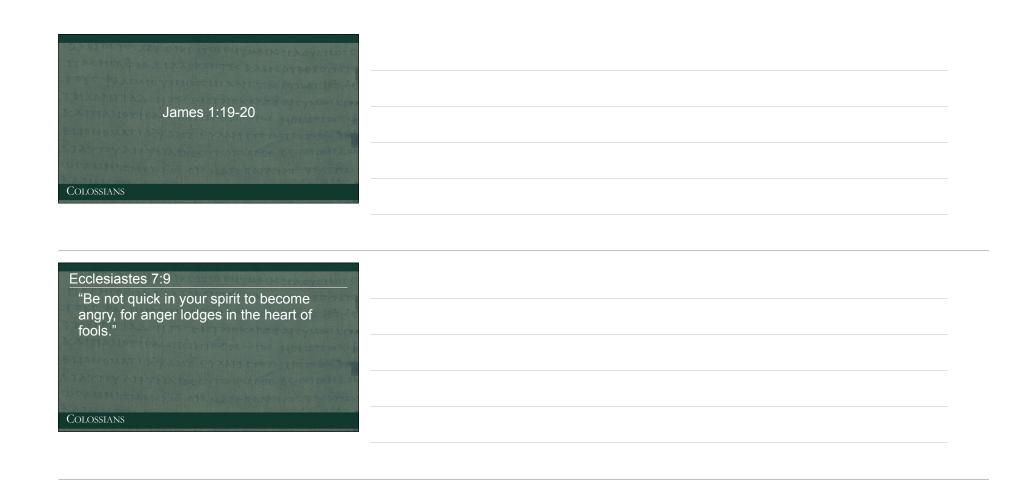
When people do not like the One True God, and the rules which He has put in place, they redefine God and make him a god who lets them do what they want to do. Sexually coveting what is not yours is one of the quickest ways to replace God's rule and authority with an idol, the idol of self.

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Each sin listed has the potential to cause division and harm to the unity of the church.

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The unity or disunity of a church is greatly affected by the personal holiness of its members. COLOSSIANS	
2 Corinthians 12:20 "For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. Colossians	
1. Anger Colossians	



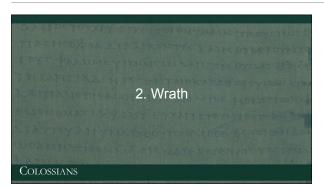
Anger typifies fools and the unrighteous, but should not be typical of the Christian.

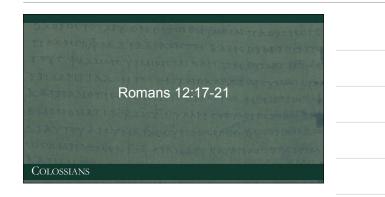
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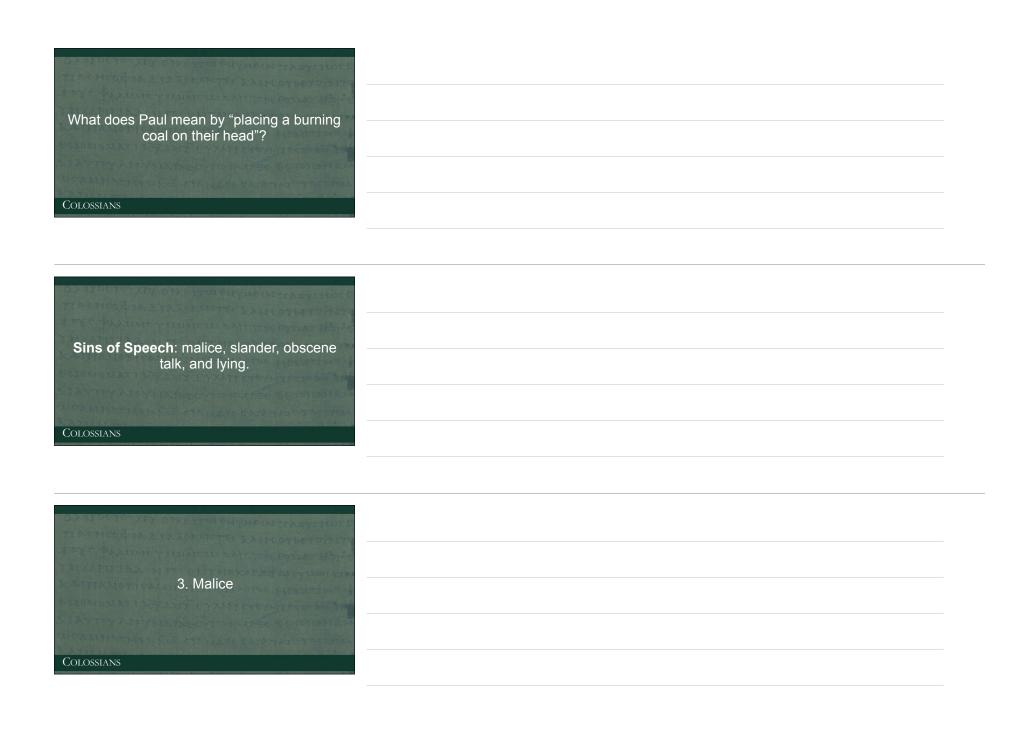
Proverbs 22:24 "Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare." Colossians Ephesians 4:26-27 Colossians Don't let it grow but kill it off each day. Colossians

How would anger "give Satan an opportunity" in your life? COLOSSIANS	
Ephesians 4:31-32 "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Colossians	
Would forgiveness help you to kill anger? Colossians	



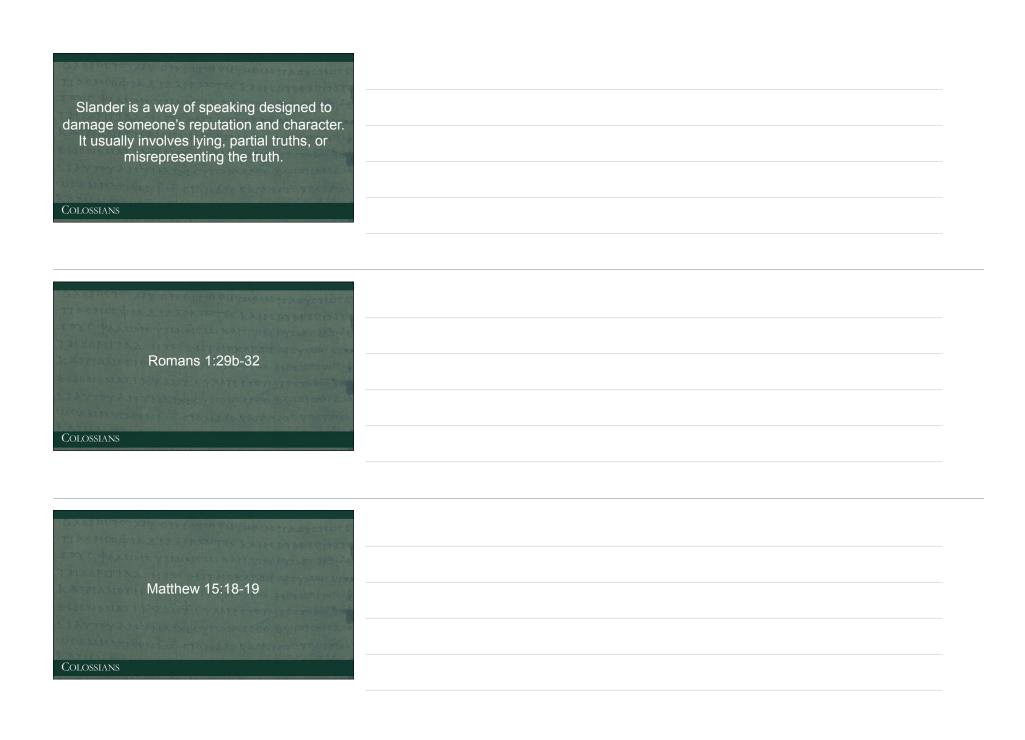


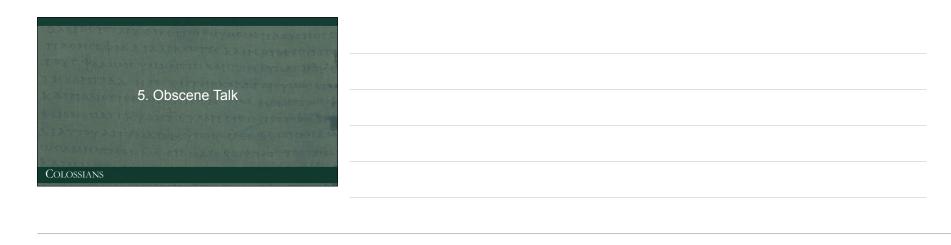




Malice – the desire to cause harm to another. Such harm is often brought about by speech. Colossians	
1 Peter 2:1-3 Colossians	
Have you tasted that the Lord is good? If so, then it should be evident by the way you use your tongue. Colossians	

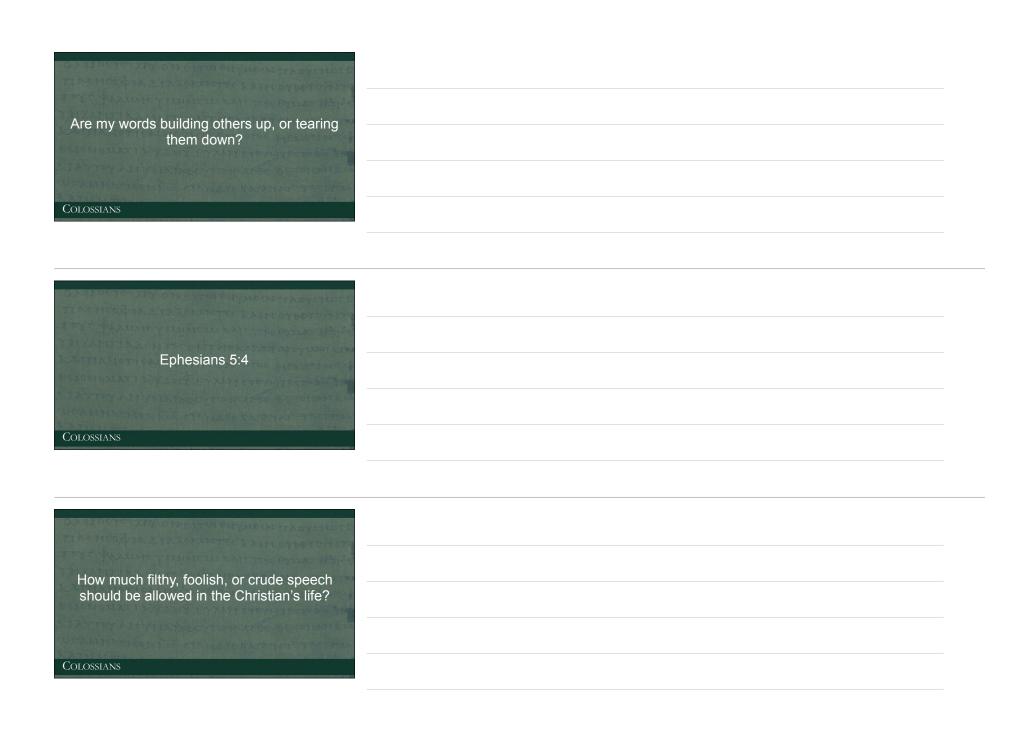


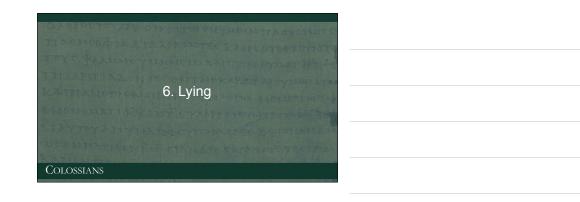








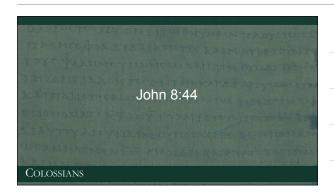


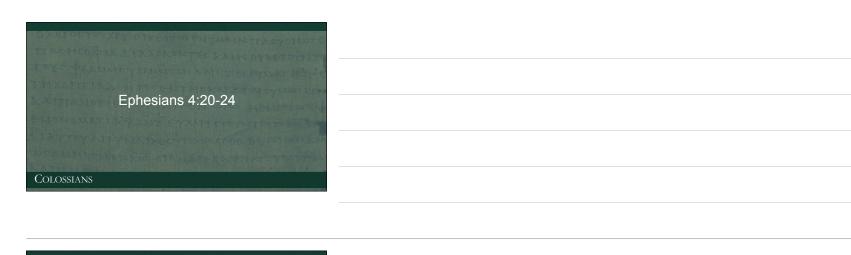


Ephesians 4:25

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another."

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Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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These groups were so divided that there was nothing that could bring them together, but now they are unified.

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What did Christ form with all of these different people? Colossians	
The church Colossians	

appears to make the same point in 2 Sermon: Colossians 3:8-11 Corinthians 6:14-18. What does this avoidance and not being unequally voked look like in real life for us as 1. In Matthew 12:33-37, Jesus teaches believers? that words matter and represent the heart of man. Given the passages that we have looked at today, and possibly others, what 4. Paul did not specifically list could you say are some types of "gossip" as a sin of speech in Col. speech that we should not partake 3:8, as he did elsewhere (2 Cor. in? 12:20, 1 Timothy 5:13) but most likely it is included under the umbrella of malice and slander. What is gossip and why should Christians avoid speaking it and hearing it as well (Prov. 17:4)? 2. The sins of slander and malice are mentioned often in the Bible and can be found in lists of sins that include murder. A. First, wrap your mind around what malice and 5. Christians are not perfect and do slander are in regard to speech. sin, yet we are told not to associate These words are not used often, and with sinners. If we take that truth all could benefit in defining and as an absolute, then there would be explaining them. no one on earth to associate with. Malice-What would you do if a close friend who was a professing Christian was practicing one or more of the sins listed in Col. 3:8 more and more. Slander -3. In 2 Timothy 3:3-5, slander is found in another listing of sins. According to Paul in verse 5, what is to be the response of Christians to those who

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are slandering?