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CMPC Sermon Notes for February 16, 2020

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Series: Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ

Message: Learning to Love Again (2)

Text: Colossians 3.1-7

Incentive, 3.6-7

- The wrath of God
- A holy God cannot look on sin
- This is how you use to be... but no longer are
 - Don't be smug!
 - A Christian is someone who is becoming what they are

More Targets: When We Don't Love Others, 3.8-9a

- Our attitude towards people
- Anger- a hateful attitude from a heart that lacks love
- Wrath- an unforgiving spirit that inappropriately lashes out at others
- Note: God's wrath is a holy wrath because he is a holy God
- Malice: anger that is nursed along so that we begin to hate rather than love
- Slander: tearing down others with our word and attitudes in order to build ourselves up
- Obscene talk/filthy language: this is profanity/cussing
- Sadly, it was a trend a few years ago for "cool" preachers to cuss!
- Using words such as hell and damn in profane ways shows a lack of understanding about what words mean
- Stanley Summerfield's sign: *Profanity is the effort of a weak mind to express itself forcefully.*
- Dirty jokes: NO!
- God intends for us to use our mouths- our words- to build people up- not to tear them down- and not to drag their and our minds to the gutter. To practice these things is to practice and express hate, which is the exact opposite of the love God wants us to show in our everyday lives.
- Lying: God wants us to love truth

93-year-old JI Packer's Testimony (author of *Knowing God*, expert on John Owen)

- We are called to holiness and are promised all the enabling and empowering that is needed to achieve holiness.
- We must recognize that God is great and all powerful and ready to help while "I am weak" and in need of His help especially when trying to mortify sin.
- Ask God to enable me to see my sin as He sees it.
- God sees sin as... "something very ugly."
- As the word of God exposes my sin to me, I must ask the Lord to direct the Holy Spirit to drain the life out of sin – to break my desire to sin. I must pray regularly along these lines for the Holy Spirit to work.

- I never get to the end of mortifying sin because the remnants of sin in my heart are still active even though they are no longer dominant.
- If the Father and the Son in mercy show their love to me and draw out of me grateful love to them, if at the same time the Spirit makes me aware that my sinful habits are what they are and that each one of them are anathema to God, and God wants to see the last of it, then through the power of the Holy Spirit He can actually bring that to pass

So What About Us?

- The Lord's Table: strength to love others