

Evening Sermon Outline – April 4, 2021

“Resurrection Life: The Details” Colossians 3:5-25

Seeking and setting our minds on things above is what we need to do,
but how?

I. Kill sin –

1. Christ waged a passionate war against our sins, at Gethsemane, and at the cross –

A. He battled indeed against sin, even in His prayers –

⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44 (NKJV)

B. It is said He was “to be sin” but for a purpose –

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

When Jesus died on the cross, it was because He was taking what SIN DESERVED, what we DESERVED as sinners, but not what He deserved, He deserves our obedience –

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15 (NKJV)

C. How obedient have we been in resisting sin?

In ourselves? In others?

³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. Hebrews 12:3–4 (NKJV)

2. We are commanded to put them to DEATH –
We have a list here of some of them -

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5 (NKJV)

They are called our members, because they are so much a part of our earthly nature, our sin nature, that they are like body parts, parts that need to be amputated!

3. They we bring eternal wrath on the unconverted –
⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, Colossians 3:6 (NKJV)

4. They are what we walked in BEFORE CHRIST -
⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. Colossians 3:7 (NKJV)

“Do you mortify? Do you make it your daily work? Be always at it while you live! Cease not a day from this work! Be killing sin or it will be killing you!” John Owen

II. Put off your old, filthy rages, and start putting on the New Man, Christ-style dress –

Notice the difference between this list of sins, and those listed in verses :5 – 7 Those were primarily internal, these EXTERNAL. Like clothing, these sins involve our appearance, even our witness, they destroy it. The old man here is (a.) Adam from whom we inherited our sin nature (b.) and the sin nature itself –

1. We are to “put off” these ugly rags -

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, Colossians 3:8-9 (NKJV)

2. These rags are not only Adamic, but they are also satanic, devilish -

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44 (NKJV)

3. While we put the old clothing off; we put Christ-style ON -
¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, Colossians 3:10

4. *Christ-style, is the last suit a "Christian" should ever wear, here whatever we once were, our identity is Christ -*
¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. Colossians 3:10–11 (NKJV)

III. *This style is the style of the elect of God –*

¹² Therefore, as *the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.* Colossians 3:12–14 (NKJV)

1. *What are mentioned here are fruits of God's Spirit, Galatians 5:16-23; but here they are pictured as the clothing of the elect: Fine clothing, weaved by God, the clothing of His chosen ones!*

2. *These characteristics imply SIN continues, even in the church, but Christians are patient with each other, forgive each other –*
⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." (1Peter 4:8 NKJV)

3. *"as Christ forgave" :13 implies we are held to an extremely HIGH STANDARD!*

4. *Love, :14 like a beautiful belt, holds the entire ensemble together!*

IV. *Let the peace of God rule –*

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

Like an umpire or referee, yet in this context a fashion or image consultant!

V. *Let the Word of God dwell richly:*

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

Dwell richly, like a welcome guest, who you hope will stay, live with you, in:

1. *Teaching, 2. Admonishing and 3. Singing – an over-abundance of these things is what is called for -*

"The surest sign that you are carrying a full bucket is wet feet."

R.E.O. White

VI. *Let Jesus Christ be Who we talk about and why we do, the things we do –*

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

VII. *Let God's government / Christ's rule direct you in all your relationships –*

1. *An ungodly world promotes a centralized, Man-ruled, not God-ruled government, and discourages all other government –*

2. *God's government is multi-leveled –*

A. *Most of this passage, which my sermon has been about is about self-government – Colossians 3:5; :15*

B. *Teaching is probably one sample of church government - :16*

C. *Here in verses :18-21 or :22 we have family government*

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in all things your masters

according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. Colossians 3:18-21

D. *:22 is not a promotion of slavery, not as we would think of it – Exodus 21:15*

3. *We are called to serve Christ, which is rewarding service -*

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ But he who does wrong

will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. Colossians 3:23–25 (NKJV)

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