

The Mortification of Sin

Colossians 3:5-8

Positionally the believer has died and been raised with Christ. Practically we remain trapped in our human flesh. Sin's penalty has been removed, but sin's power is still real as we struggle with sin on a daily basis. Therefore, we must mortify the sins of our flesh.

I. What are we to do?

A. Put to death the _____ of the flesh (5)

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B. Put off the _____ of the flesh (8)

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II. Why are we to do this?

A. Because sin brings God's _____ (6)

B. Because sin was part of our _____ (7)

All sin is founded in a secret atheism . . . All the wicked inclinations in the heart . . . are sparks from this latent fire; the language of every one of these is this: "I would be a Lord to myself, and would not have a God superior to me." Every sin is a kind of cursing God in the heart, an aim at the destruction of the being of God; not actually, but virtually . . . A man in every sin aims to set up his own will as his rule, and his own glory as the end of his actions against the will and glory of God.

- Stephen Charnock

Christian, what has thou to do with sin? Hath it not cost thee enough already? Burnt child, wilt thou play with the fire? What! when thou has already been between the jaws of the lion, wilt thou step a second time into his den? Hast thou not had enough of the old serpent? Did he not poison all thy veins once, and wilt thou play upon the hole of the asp, and put thy hand upon the cockatrice's den a second time? Oh, be not so mad! so foolish! Did sin ever yield thee real pleasure? Didst thou find solid satisfaction in it? If so, go back to thine old drudgery, and wear the chain again, if it delight thee. But inasmuch as sin did never give thee what it promised to bestow, but deluded thee with lies, be not a second time snared by the old fowler - be free, and let the remembrance of thy ancient bondage forbid thee to enter the net again!

- Charles Spurgeon