

III. STRENGTHEN THE CHRISTLY (3:10-17)

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INTRODUCTION

- A. In today's society, we "follow", post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*"6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 2:6-7*

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

- B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
April 12	Why Follow Jesus
April 19	Following Jesus In Ministry
April 26	Following Jesus In Truth
TODAY	Following Jesus In Habits
May 10	Following Jesus In The Home
May 17	Following Jesus In The Workplace
May 24	Following Jesus In Prayer
May 31	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

CONCLUSION:

"FOLLOW ME"

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

- C. **TEXT:** Colossians 3:1-17 (Pew Bible/Pg. 207/New Test.)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN HABITS

I. SEEK THE HEAVENLY (3:1-4)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

“casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”

II Corinthians 10:5

A. We died with Christ (v 3a)

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

B. We are hidden in Christ (v 3b)

“27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

30 I and My Father are one.” John 10:27-30

C. We live in Christ (v 4a)

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:21

D. We will be glorified with Christ (v 4b)

“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

I John 3:2

II. SLAY THE EARTHLY (3:5-9)

“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:11

A. Slay sensual sins (vs 5-6)

B. Slay social sins (vs 8-9)