

Colossians 3:1-11: Things Above.

I. (1-4) Looking forward to glory:

Authentic and practical Christian living is built on the foundation of sound theological truth (**Christ, who's fully God, Creator, came in human form, died, rose again, saved us from all sin, ascended into heaven and controls everything**).

Since we **were raised with Christ**, we should act just as Jesus did when He was resurrected, so should we – recognizing that our citizenship is in heaven.

“The believer is to ‘seek (desire, aspire) the things... above.’ (Morgan)

“Love heavenly things; study them; let your hearts be entirely engrossed by them...(Clarke)

“Our head is there, our home is there, our treasure is there, and we hope to be there for ever.” Matthew Henry.

Luke 12:29-34 - *“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. “For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. “But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. “Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

John 4:34 - *Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*

John 6:38 - *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him **who sent Me**.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 - *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the **glory** of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from **glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Philippians 3:20-21 - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

II. (5-11) **Put to death** - to deprive of power, destroy the strength of

We're supposed to kill every sinful desire in our flesh...they don't die on their own. "Because, if we do not kill them, they will kill us."

We're to put off fornication (sexual sin), **uncleanness** (impurities), **passion** (bad), **evil desire and covetousness – things we do – idolatry.**

We're to put off anger (outburst), **wrath** (violent emotion), **malice** (intent to injure), **blasphemy** (speaking evil of God), **filthy language** (obscene) **and deception** (falsehood) – **things we say.**

We should not live like the **sons of disobedience.**

Romans 6:1-4 - *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Romans 13:13-14 - *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

Ephesians 4:25-32 - *Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin" do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Romans 13:12 - *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast **off** the works of darkness, and let us **put** on the armor of light.*