



# Leader

9/29 - Colossians 3:5-14

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?  
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2. Let's read our primary text. Colossians 3:1-17 could be broken into three sections or topics. What division or categories do you see here?  
Example: A Heavenly perspective (v.1-4), Putting to Death Sin (v.5-11 - Mortification), Growing in Grace (v.12-17 - Vivification)
3. How do verses 5-11 apply to all of us? How does this passage provide some hope for us?  
Verse 8 alludes to these indwelling sins that are still present in our lives. Sins that we once *lived* in, but now they are able to be put to death by our cooperation with the Holy Spirit. It speaks of a renewal process (v. 10) that has been put in place by God that is making us more like our Creator, Christ. And because it was birthed by God, it will be brought to completion (vs. 3-4).
4. In regard to sin, is Paul's words toward sin and grace proactive or reactive? What words give us clarification?  
Paul speaks using active language; seek, set, put off, put on. We should use this same approach in our activity regarding sin and grace. Rather than react to sin, we should take steps to plan and prevent sinful activity from "making an appearance" in our lives.
5. What are some practical examples of putting sin to death in our own lives? What feeds our flesh and our sinful desires?  
Leaving relationships that cultivate sinful patterns, deleting harmful phone apps, seeking accountability, leaving your computer in a visible location, going to rehab, asking for forgiveness, filtering out worldly entertainment, put away your explicit music, purging corrupt talk from your mouth, avoiding known locations of sin in our life, etc.
6. Is putting to death sin a one and done action? After putting to death sin, what must we do?  
Putting to death sin is a lifelong, daily pursuit, fueled by the Holy Spirit. As we begin to purge what is earthly in us, we must then replace these earthly pursuits with the things of God. This is called growing in grace...growing in the ways God has purposed us.
7. Read Romans 6:12-14. What parallels exist with both of these passages?  
<sup>12</sup> *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those*

who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

8. Read Galatians 5:16-26. What parallels exist with both of these passages?

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

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Sources:

- Christ-Centered Exposition (Colossians and Philemon). Pace, Akin.
- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- The McArthur Commentary Series (Colossians and Philemon).