

Colossians Lesson 5—Colossians 3:1-17

A Life Hidden in Christ



Memorize the TRUTH!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
Colossians 3:1-2

DAY 1: Colossians 3:1-4—Being Raised and Hidden with Christ

1. What should those who have been raised with Christ seek and set their minds on? What are some examples of how Christians could do this?
2. Paul described Christ as being the very lives of the Colossians—“Christ who is your life.” What do you think Paul meant?
3. In addition to being raised with Christ, what encouragement does today’s passage offer believers?

DAY 2: Colossians 3:5-9—Putting Off the Old Self

4. What did Paul say to do about the sins he mentioned in 3:5? Why?
5. What reasons might Paul have had for comparing covetousness to idolatry?
6. List the things Paul told the Colossians to put away. How are these things inconsistent with a new life in Christ?



Learn the TRUTH!

Talk to God about any part of your old self that may still need to be put off. In general terms, how could this passage help form your prayer? Plan to talk about this with your small group.

DAY 3: Colossians 3:10-12—Putting On the New Self

7. From 3:10, what is true of “the new self”?
8. Review Colossians 1:9-10 and 2:2-3 alongside 3:10. What kind of knowledge did Paul seem to be referring to?
9. God does not show favoritism—He welcomes people of every nation who honor Him (see Acts 10:34-35). What can we learn from these verses, as well as from Colossians 3:11, about the perspective God desires His people to have?
10. Because believers are chosen, holy, and dearly loved by God, what are they told to “put on”?

DAY 4: Colossians 3:13-14—Putting On Love

11. According to 3:13, how should believers treat one another?

12. How does remembering how much the Lord has forgiven you help you to forgive others?

Note: The Greek word Paul used when he told believers to bear with one another means “to patiently endure with” or “to hold someone up.”

13. How would bearing with others’ weaknesses and faults benefit relationships in the body of Christ?

14. Which of the virtues that Paul said to put on is above all the others? What is the result of putting on that virtue?

DAY 5: Colossians 3:15-17—Having Hearts Full of Christ’s Peace and Word

15. What instructions did Paul give the Colossian believers?

16. From this passage, what are believers called to? Why is it significant that they were called to it “in one body”?

17. Paul listed some ways that believers could allow Christ’s word to richly dwell in them. What are they? If you have experienced at least one of these ways, how would you explain how it helps Christ’s word go deeper into your heart?

18. Paul said to say and do “everything in the name of the Lord Jesus” and to give thanks to the Father through Jesus. How could obeying this instruction affect what you say and do?



Apply the TRUTH!

God offers the peace and word of Christ for every situation we face. Talk to the Lord about a challenge for which you especially need His peace and word. Without specifying the circumstance, how could you allow His peace and word to dwell in you more deeply? Plan to talk with your small group about the perspective you gain as you do this.

DAY 6: Participate in Class