



Lesson Nine: Put Sin to Death

Colossians 3:5-11

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3 ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Table Discussion Questions

1. What is the danger of perfectionism? What is the danger of cheap grace? In what way are these two errors two sides of the same coin?
2. Are you more prone to perfectionism or cheap grace? Why?
3. How does sin disorder our desires? Where have you experienced these disordered desires (See Colossians 3:5) in your own life?
4. What makes Colossians 3:7 (See also 1 Corinthians 6:11) such good news?
5. Why are sins of division (See Colossians 3:8-9) so destructive to the Kingdom of God? Do you treat these sins as less serious than others? Why or why not?
6. How do we put sin to death?
7. What is the "new self"? How do we put the "new self" on?
8. What does our unity have to do with our union with Christ? What does this teach us about the Gospel?