

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

In Turning Away

Colossians 3:1-11
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Opening Thought Questions:

With Christ as preeminent in both our collective and individual lives, what kinds of attitudes and behaviors are no longer properly fitting, needing to be put away?

(1-4) With new life...

What is the therefore, there for?

Seek & Set –

Past, Present, and Future lives with Christ...

(5-11) Comes a new wardrobe.

Two groupings of ill-fitted clothing...

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Keeping Christ above, before, and at the center of all things, how should the Christian congregation physically interact with one another in a way that faithfully reflects Jesus?

Ill-fitted sexual sins...

Keeping Christ above, before, and at the center of all things, how should the Christian congregation socially and conversationally interact with one another in a way that faithfully reflects Jesus?

Ill-fitted social sins...

Next Week: Colossians 3:12-17 Christ be Magnified: "In Turning To"

Further Study

Ephesians
Acts 21-28

Gal. 5:22-26
Rom. 13:14

Col. 2:16-23

Gal. 2:20

<p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Turning Away</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 3:1-11</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Colossians 3:1-11</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 1 Paul encourages the church towards seeking the things above and setting our minds on the things above. What is the difference between seeking and setting? 2. In verses 1-4 Paul emphasizes our death with, live with, and future glory with Christ. What does it mean that we have died with Christ? That we live with and by Christ? And that we will appear with Christ in glory? How should these realities express themselves in our day-to-day lives? 3. Paul categorizes the sins we are to put to death, or turn away from, into two broader definitions. What are they? (vss. 5, 8-9) 4. Take time to discuss, reflect on, or journal about how sexual and social sins destroy and corrupt the witness or testimony of the church. Why are these behaviors no longer fitting for followers of Jesus? 5. Who has become the one who unites the church regardless of culture, national, social, political, or economic distinctiveness? (vs. 11) How should this truth give guidance to relationships within the congregation? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 Gal. 5:22-26 Rom. 13:14 Col. 2:16-23 Gal. 2:20</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>