you know it is possible
to be serious and have a good time at the same time
they don't have to be divorced from one another
I just think and it's not I know we say it all the time
that one of these days I won't have to be taught how to sing
I would just know how to sing
and that's a good thing I can't imagine what that
will be like, Colossians chapter 3
turn back to the book of Colossians chapter 3
never heard anything close
never heard anything close
I don't know if we'll still have the same accent and
there'll be different dialects or how any of that work
the different languages I don't know I don't know
Dick, you remember when that big old man got up there and prayed that night
when he was over in India
and it was one of our last nights
and this big man
stood up and began to pray and he began to cry and he began to shake
and I didn't know what he was saying but I just felt compelled
I had never done this before to just climb up on
the stage and I just kind of tried to held him up
because he was in touch and I was like
don't stop
I don't know what
I don't know what you're saying
that's a whole other
I think that's what tongues is all about
I mean it's a whole different it's a whole different deal he is connected
with the Lord and I think this thing will be
that way too it's because it's all the same God
that flows from the same
the same source
Amen
but you know but you know what you know
Colossians chapter 3
we'll begin reading
in verse number 1 again that we looked at this morning but continue reading
all the way down through verse number 16
good to see everybody here tonight
Colossians chapter 3
verse 1
I want to read down through verse number 16
and continue on that
same subject that may be the same title in our Bible study until we finish
the book of Colossians is what now because all of this is now
instructions to the church I mean it gets down in the husbands and children
and masters and all of those things but that same
that same title the night of what now
but Colossians chapter 3 verse number 1

Paul writes if you then be risen with Christ
or since you're risen with Christ
seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God
set your affections on things above
not on the things of the earth
for ye are dead and your life is hid
with Christ in God
when Christ who is our life shall appear
then shall you also
appear with him in glory such
positive positive
instructions
and unfortunately these next instructions
can be seen as negative
I don't think they're negative at all
they address
negative things
but often times addressing negative things is the most positive thing that we can do
but he says next in verse 5
mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth
fornication uncleanness
inordinate affection evil concupiscence
and covetousness which is idolatry
for which things for which things sake
the wrath of God cometh on the children
of disobedience
into which you also walk sometimes
when you lived in them
but now you also put off all these anger wrath malice blasphemy
filthy communication out of your mouth
lie not one to another seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds
and to put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him
that created him
Donna well there is neither Greek nor Jew
circumcision nor uncircumcision
barbarian Scythian bond nor free but Christ is all and in all
verse 12
he says put on therefore as the elect of God
holy and beloved
bowels of mercy
kindness
humbleness of mind meekness and long suffering
forbearing one another and forgiving one another
if any man have a quarrel against any
even as Christ forgave you
so also do ye
and above all things put on charity
or love
which is the bond of perfectness
and let the peace of God rule in your hearts

to the which also you are called in one body
and be ye thankful
lastly verse 16
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord let's pray
Lord thank you again for the opportunity
and the privilege to be in your house tonight Lord I'm thankful for this church
I'm thankful
for these people Lord I'm thankful that you have brought me here
and connected me
Lord and my family with these people
Lord I'm thankful most of all Lord you're not just the God of the Jews you're the
God
of the Gentiles in the Indian and the Haitian
Lord all and in every place that will call upon you
in faith
Lord but we ask you now tonight
to take your word enable me to share it
and to teach it in a way that is pleasing to you
Lord God that we have ears to hear
and eyes to see
Lord most of all
a will that is intent
on obeying
the instructions that you give us in your word
Lord again we thank you for this time and ask
you to bless it Lord in Jesus name I pray amen
amen
I heard a story this week
sort of an illustration it was about
a young man who was newly elected
into congress I can't remember if it was the house
of representatives or the center or which one it was
but one of these older guys of course most of
them when they get there they end up spending
60 or 70 years you know one of the one of the older ones took one of these young
ones
and kind of put him under his wing and began to show him around and show him
the things and teach him a little bit about the place but one of the things
that he said to this man that I believe has a
it has translation spiritually is he told him
how you stand
depends on where you sit
you all watch you all watch the state of the union
addresses right we got this eye and we got that eye
one side will stand and the other one will sit one side will stand
and the other one will sit in other words if you're a republican you'll stand
with the republicans or if you're a democrat you're going to stand with the

democrats
but not just in the political area of that thing God forbid I wish they'd forget
that
I wish they'd all just stand for what's right and for what's true
but the reality is
for the man that's experienced
the saving grace of God in his life the bible says we are seated
with Christ in the heavenlies
and it also goes to tell us
that where we are seated
not only should affect how we stand it will affect how we stand
where we're seated
will affect
how we stand
that's why Paul goes on to say in his passage of scripture the what now
he talks about what Christ has done in chapter 2 verse 13
and you being dead in your sins and the circumcision
of your flesh hath he quickened together with him
having forgiven you all trespasses
blotting out the handwriting of orders that was against us which was contrary to us
took it out of the way and nailing it to his cross we have a new seat a new place
we're seated with Christ in the heavenlies we
have a new name a new position a new stance
a new future a new present
so Paul says what now how do we engage with this
what is our next step he tells them in chapter 3 we looked at this morning
that we are to seek if you then be reasoned with Christ seek those things
which are above what Christ setteth on the right hand of God
to search for in an effort that we might obtain
this one this unity and this closeness with the Lord
he says set your affections on things above not on things of the earth
it's not a flash in the plan of Christianity it's a commitment of the mind body
spirit will it's all that we are our mind is fixed upon him
but Paul now continues to carry on here in the rest of these verses
he's determined beginning in verse 5 so he's writing to these people
and folks every man I love the testimony of young people
who never got
into the deep and darkness of sin by the way we
don't have to live like hell before we get saved
my testimony is not any better than anybody else's
because I engage in things I never should engage in
I hope we can spare our children
the pain of having to go through all that mess
but Paul writes something to them because
every man no matter if he was saved at 6 or 60 or 16
every single one of us have a past every one of us have gone astray
to our own wicked way every single one of us have lived lives contradictory
to the will of God and the word of God
so Paul says now beginning in verse number 5
it is time for us as the people of God to put some things to death

it is time to kill some things look what he says in verse 5
mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth
put these things to death
kill them
fornication
uncleanness inordinate affection evil concupiscence
and covenants which is idolatry for which things
sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience in the which you also
walk sometimes when you lived in them I mentioned this Wednesday night
of the importance of studying the Bible in context and context and context
what does that mean you don't just read one verse you read what's before it you read
what's after it you understand what it's all talking about
because if we just were to stop last week on chapter 2
verse number I'm sorry yeah chapter 2 verse number 16
what does the Bible say
let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink or in respect of a holy day
or the new moon or the sabbath days in other words
it would appear with a casual reading
don't let anybody tell you what to do
you can kind of you can worship how you want you can do what you want you can taste
what you want you can eat what you want you can drink
but you would think Paul might be getting a little bit liberal right here
but folks he clears all of that up beginning here in verse number 5
he hits these things head on
he says fornication
these things
must be put to death and cleanness
and ordinary affection evil concupiscence
I want to give you our terms for these sins
sexual immorality
what flavor
all flavors
heterosexual
bisexual
homosexual
physical touch
sexual immorality with the eyes
perversion on your computer doesn't make any difference
it is any sexual immorality outside of God's plan
for the sexual relationship he says kill it
kill it
it's lust
it's evil desires
longing for the things that are forbidden
must be murdered
must be put to death
Paul mentions covetousness in this
same list of sins but he adds in addition when he talks
about covetousness he says look here in verse
number 5 mortify therefore mortify these

therefore your members which are upon the earth
fornication uncleanness in order and affection
evil concupiscence and covetousness
which is
idolatry
ever put covetousness in the same list of these things
that we want things that we don't have even at the
expense of other people what does God say these are
that you have nothing but an idol in your life
that's what you worship
that's what you long for I mentioned this to the kids at FCA the other day
of not making God your goal but your goals your God
but God your goals
and I asked them who is your God
I didn't want them to answer I said I'll tell you what I can do
I can tell everybody
I can do the same thing here tonight I can tell every single one of us who our God
is
so how can you do that preacher when you ain't really talk to me one on one about it
because all of our gods are the same
it is whatever we love or we serve the most
that's our God
in covetousness
he says this idolatry must be killed
what Paul is saying here
he said these have no place in the life of the new man
these have no place in the life of the church these things must not be coddled
they must not be excused they must not be condoned he says mortify therefore
put these things to death you say preacher
that sounds strong it does sound strong because it is strong
that sounds severe because it is severe
it's urgent because it is it is urgent
and there's many reasons for this urgent tone this strong tone this serious tone
and the number one reason
is we just go back to all that's been said prior
to even if there was no price attached to this
all we've got to look back is what all God has done
up to this point
all that he has said prior to that he has quickened me forgiven me saved me saved me
that he has done all these things in my life
and because he has done such great things for me
there is no need there is no use there is no place
for these sins within my life
Paul wasn't a liberal
in verse 16
and he's not a legalistic Pharisee here he is simply
stating the truth Christian if these things are in your life
you gotta kill it
mortify it
reason number one what is the good that God has done reason number two

he gets it here in verse number six he said for which things sake
the wrath of God cometh on the children
of disobedience
what does this mean folks God has judged these sins
in the past
open our Bibles
he's judged them over and over and over and over again
but this isn't just about past judgment it's about present judgment
God will judge these things now in our lives folks God will judge these things
in the future they will not be overlooked
there is a high price
attached to these things they must be dealt with in the manner in which God
instructs us but he gives another reason here in verse number seven he says
in the which he also walks sometimes when you live in them he said basically saying
this is the old you
it's not the new you
that lost son has spent enough time in the mud
he's spent enough time in the hog pen
it makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to
go back and retreat back into that lifestyle
I've been thinking about what Paul says here and I wrote myself a note about
killing sin
killing sin
I just want to share a couple of quick things with you
about killing sin number one
folks it's a daily practice it's just not a one time deed
it is not
a one time deed
it is a daily
practice in our life
Mitzi does
99% of this stuff at home
but occasionally a few years ago I'll do something every now and then
and I remember going out one Saturday and I cleaned out the flower bed
about 10 years ago and I'm telling you you could have ate out of that thing
I got it all out
I round up it
I put the whole little thing down and put the bark down
I mean I cleaned that rascal up
only to be shocked that about three months later and
I got weeds popping out of that thing all over again
it is the same thing
with these sins and the desires and the lust of the flesh in our life you can't
listen a man is saved one time he's cleansed he's forgiven
he's made whole he's adopted he's accepted
he's hid in Christ in God
that's a one time thing but the killing of sin in our life
has got to be a habitual daily practice where we look
at it and see it as it is and go that is not fitting
has no place in the life of a believer

it's a daily practice
but number two it takes the power of God to do it
it truly does
good intentions only get us so far friend lost people
live like lost people because they're lost people
do we realize that the lost man does not have the
power to live a life that is acceptable to God
they don't
they don't because it takes the power of God to accomplish this but here's what
the Bible says about you Nikki now that you have been twice born you have been
filled with the spirit of Christ you are placed in Christ now you have the power
to kill this sin in your life so now it comes how important is it to you
to address these things and to deal with these things but here's what
stands out folks this was a letter
these are instructions to the church what does that mean
I'll tell you what it means
because sadly
some of this mess
had infiltrated the church
was in the church
and it's still
in the church
and the Lord says to Paul
you have got to kill it
we decide
this for ourselves
there's a quote that I heard years ago that
really really stuck with me folks that the church
is to declare
and defend the truth
the church
is to be the pillar
of truth
we're to declare the truth and we're to defend the truth
but the reality is it does more harm than good if the truth
is not demonstrated
in our lives doctrine
and duty
must be connected I cannot claim to be a child
of the king twice born filled with the spirit
and fornication and lust and sexual immorality and desire for those things that God
forbids that is the fruit of my life hey can it creep up yes it can creep up
but no one it does chop the head off of it
he said mortify your members upon the earth now he says here not only is it time
to kill some things he said we have to put off some things
it's the picture of somebody changing clothes
look what he says in verse number 8 he says verse 7
into which he also walked in them in which he also walked sometime when he lived in
them but now you also put off all these anger wrath
malice blasphemy filthy communication out of your mouth

lie not one to another seeing that you put off the old man with his old deeds
and put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge at the image of him that
created
him now we know everybody in here knows this I hope we got to be careful not to get
the cart in front of the horse we got to get the proper order no man puts off
anything no man cleans himself up to be made acceptable
to Christ he's the one that does the cleansing
he's the one that does the claiming he's the one that does the healing he is the one
that does the saving he is the one that provides the robe we cannot make ourselves
acceptable to God and go now Lord would you accept me because I've killed this
stuff and I put this stuff off this is a letter to the church we've got to be the
prodigal son who travels a repentant robe before any of these things mean anything
to
us but once that occurs in our life we recognize we're to seek out those things
which are above what Christ said set our minds on things above not on the things
of earth I'm hidden Christ he is mine and I am his one day I shall appear with him
in glory and because of the reality
of who he is and what he's going to do in my life I cut the head off of things
that he lives and he says I now come and I put things off of me the fact is those
hog stained stinking filthy clothes that that
boy had put on he had on they had to come off
Christian these things have to come off of us
they're not fitting they won't work
that first list was
a sort of list of shocking sexual sins I'm telling you it is all over
in the church
not just within the body but within the leaders of churches
friend we got to kill it it's got to be killed
it's got to be killed it's got to be cut off
but this list here I heard a commentator refer to
this more as the social sins
the ones that we've got accustomed to
he mentions them here
anger wrath malice blasphemy filthy communication
and lying
see these ain't as bad as the others
we got a scale so to speak I don't know where that comes from
but
lines
we're accustomed to that
unrighteous anger we're accustomed to that
filthy communication coarse jokes crude things we're accustomed to that
but God's word is clear these things are on you get them off of you
again it's the picture of the changing of clothes we've got mud mess we've got filth
all over so we've got to get these things off and that's the point of this church in
Colossus the church at New Bethel your preacher I've got I must shed this filth
how do we what are some keys to putting this stuff off of our lives
folks you know God never has to provide a reason for anything
yet in his grace
he lovingly provides the motivation

he may not provide a reason but he always provides the motivation we got the
motivation all throughout this chapter my life is hid with Christ in God
when he shall appear I shall be with him in glory
what motivation
but there's motivation all throughout scripture Paul writes in Romans 12
he says I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present
yourselves a living sacrifice of God holy acceptable which is a reasonable service
I love that word mercies in the plural what Paul is pointing to is not the
wrath of God not the punishment of God Robert not because it's going to cost you
something but my friend it will cost you something if
these things get in your life but those things aside how about
the manifold mercies of God that by and itself being enough for me to kill what
needs to be killed put off what needs to be put off and
lay myself down before the Lord and go God I'm yours
robe that the Lord gave us
but Paul mentions something here in verse number 10
a key to putting things off
he says lie not to one another verse 9
seeing that ye have put off the old man with his
deeds and have put on the new man which was renewed
in knowledge at the image of him that created him
a new man
with a new mind and a new knowledge you have and
you have heard this quote as a man thinks so he is
there ain't never been a truer statement said
as a man thinks so he is that the challenge to me and my wife she sees it in my face
I mean she just knows it you're not in the right headspace you're thinking
about the wrong thing it is for the Christian
now to continue here's my challenge Rodney
every day I have got to crucify the mind of Brian
that man has got to be killed he has got to be slain the way I react the way I think
the way what should ought to be done and I have got to continue through the word of
God and the spirit of God I have got to take on the mind of Christ I have got to
look at things the way God looks at things I view things the way God views things I
react to things the way God reacts to things and as I begin to do these things again
it's not a one time deed it's a daily day to day thing but the way I begin to think
more like him and I see how he's dressed me I see how he's adoring me I see what
he's
done for me I begin to look and see these things have no place
that we put these things off
he says it's time to kill some things it's time to
put off some things but look here in verse number 12
he says it's time to put on things
he says
I love the contrast how the Lord leads Paul to write this by the way he didn't
come up with this by himself y'all know that right things have happened now
because there's been some friction and some discussion
well are those the words of God or are those just the words of Paul
that's the most ignorant thing I've ever said what is the book
the book is the word of God God used the Holy Spirit and he spoke through Jeremiah

and he spoke through Isaiah and he spoke through Matthew and he spoke through Mark
and he spoke through Luke and he spoke through Peter it's not the words of Peter
or the words of Paul it is all this thing is the words of God and he just
used the mind of Paul but I love how he's putting this stuff together he says
kill this stuff don't play I mean you kill it this other stuff get that mess
off of you but it's now time to put some things on
Christian
put some things on look what he writes
put on therefore
as the elect of God holy and beloved
bounds of mercies kindness humilless of mind meekness longsuffering
forbearing one another forgiving one another
if any man have a quarrel against you even as Christ forgave you
so also do ye
and above all things put on charity
which is the bond
of perfectness
bowels
of mercies I love it in the plural
mercies
mercies
this next word is big
kindness
folks that's huge
how hard is it as a Christian
just to be kind
be kind
it's to replace the anger
it's to replace the malice
again
the church has declared the truth and defended the truth when it stands for the
truth
it's the truth it's the truth it's the truth of God but
it does more harm than good if it is not demonstrated
in our life that there is not the kindness of God coming out of our lives friend
we're hindering more than we're helping
put on vows of mercies in the plural
put on kindness he says humbleness of mind meekness
long-suffering that's by the way that's my favorite
attribute of God
is long-suffering what does that mean
it means he's patient beyond patient
it means he doesn't have a quick trigger
it means he put up with me a whole lot longer than I would have put up with me
and I am to be
long-suffering has Paul gone liberal here no he's beginning to look a whole lot
like the Lord what he's looking like
vows of mercies kindness humbleness of mind
it says forbearing one another
and forgiving one another

how
even as Christ
also forgave you
preacher easier said than done I agree
but it is what it is it is what it is
that this is to be my adornment
in the day
that Carol
I take
I try to shower daily
I really do
I want the stink of the day off of me I want to do it at night time because I've had the whole day on me I want to get all that mess
off me I don't want to get into the bed dirty
I want to get it all off of me because hey I'm going to sleep and I wake up
the next morning and you know the first thing
I do is I got to start putting some things on
I got to put on my britches I got to put on my shoes I got to put on my shirt
and here we are in the life of a Christian because look again salvation
freeing is instantaneous it is the moment that son turned and he began coming home
the father was looking he was listening he interpreted the groaning of his prayer
even before he could lay eyes on him and that's what happens when you
come to the Lord in faith it ain't the words you say it's the condition of your heart
he hears all those things he had already forgiven him
ran and embraced him but the reality is as Christians we have a decision to make
there's things that we gotta
chop the head off we've gotta put them off but daily I decide
will I be kind
whether it be mercies in my life whether it be long
suffering and forgiveness in my life whether these things
I make the decision
to put these things
on
bowels of mercy
forgiving even as Christ forgave you but look what he says here in verse number 14
and above all these things
put on charity
which is the bond of perfectness
can I just translate what he's saying most of
all the most important of these things is love
I believe he said the same thing in the book
of Corinthians right there remain these three
faith hope and love and the greatest of these is love
one of the things I like about driving over here is I get to spend some time
with my honey and we get to do some talking
this is going to sound harsh but I wish it's true
about 95% of most Christians that post
on social media they need to be grounded and have their phone taken from them
because they ain't got the sense God gave a goat

they're ugly
and they're mean
there's nothing appealing
there's nothing drawing it's basically how hard can I be how stupid can I make
you look and this that and the other
I don't care what my doctrine is I don't care how right
I split this thing and if I got it exactly right if I
don't have love in my heart for other people friend I am
not in the right relationship with God
period
again
love doesn't mean liberalism
it doesn't mean we throw out the kitchen what did Paul just say hey you got to
cut this crap out it ain't acceptable
yet in the same context above all there's love there's love there's love
why do we love them Joel because if they don't know the Lord
hell will be their home
even the Christian
there's love in my heart because I know that you're engaged in things let's just say
Robert and Athens that's going to tear your marriage apart
if I love you I'll tell you but I love you
that we put these things on
there's keys to putting things off but listen there's also keys to putting things on
I want to close with this look what he says here verse number 15 through 16
how do I put these things on preacher
he says in verse 15
and let the peace of God rule in your hearts to the which also you are called in one
body and be thankful let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
teaching and admonishing one another in songs and hymns and spiritual songs
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord what's that got to do with anything
it's got everything to do with it how do I put on
these things it is letting the peace of God rule
folks there is a battle
in the inner man every single day and most of all it's a battle in the mind
and I have got to make the conscious decision that I'm going to let the peace of
God rule in my life versus the unknown and the stress and the anxiety and the hurt
that I can go back now and I can see who I am in the Lord that one day I will appear
with him in glory when he appears that I'm hidden him that he has saved me that he
has forgiven me that that's a done deal that I have a right standing with God and he
gives peace in my heart and I make the decision that this now is going to rule me
not let the other
things win
next he says let the word of Christ dwell richly within you
this ain't the preacher thing to say but I want to
tell you something friend there is power in these pages
there is power in these pages because it is the very word
of God and I take it and I read it and I try to digest it and I don't understand it
so I read it again and say God help me know help me know not so that I can be smart
but so that my life may be transformed
and conformed so I can be a better husband to my wife for 30

years so I can be a better pop and I can be a better daddy and I can be a better preacher and I can be a better man I've got to be determined that I'm going to let the peace of God rule but I also take these instructions to the Lord and I let it
dwell richly in my life and if I let it dwell richly in my life I'll see what needs to be killed I'll see what needs to be put off I'll see what needs to be put on
look what he says next
teaching
and admonishing one
you know one of the reasons why the church is here multiple reasons why the church is here that's a whole message that's a series of
messages the great commission is not a suggestion
we ought to take the word out to the world
we can't make disciples only the Lord can save someone but
I'm telling you folks we sitting on the best news going
and it needs to be spread in every possible way that we can spread
church is here to worship
we're here to worship
to me when we get here on Sunday mornings that ought to be the most primary motivating factor while we come it's not for
me to preach or for Ethan to run to sound
or Alton to lead us in music have I come to worship the Lord
but another reason that we're here
is to lovingly teach and correct one another
to help each other in this great endeavor
sometimes it comes with positive instructions
sometimes it comes with admonishing
that's the word of God
not being judgmental it's because you care
we've got one more and it's one I just mentioned
worshiping one another look what he says to whom God will make known what is the riches of the glory of the I'm in the wrong chapter verse number
16
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in
all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
singing with your grace and your hearts to the Lord
that we come together
to hear from God not from Brian that we come together to hear from the Lord
to see the Lord
and worship the Lord
and praise the Lord
and the thing is when we do that
it helps us all
now I don't want to put words in your mouth
but when you really begin
to have now I've punched the clock when it comes to church before and so have you we've gone to the service and left unchanged I'm talking about those times when you come prepared to worship God to hear from God and respond to God and I'm

talking about it gets all over you
doesn't it do something more than just get on the outside
it makes you want to be different
it makes you want to put off that stuff and put on the things
so Paul says here's the formula what now
kill that stuff
kill it
put it off
put these things on
and the way you put it on is letting the peace of God rule let the word of Christ dwell you discuss and you correct and remonish one another but most of all you come together and you worship the Lord and as you do this
those things will begin to adorn your life
let's pray heavenly father thank you for your word
thank you for your truth
that God most of all may we take this to heart
may each one of us examine our lives
Lord I'm not here to point out anybody else
to sin but I am here to look in the mirror
I am here to challenge each one of us
to take our own life and hold it up to the truth of your word
and if there are things that have no place that they might be removed that there are things that need to be killed that they might be killed if there are if there are things that are lacking in our lives the love the humility
the forgiveness the kindness
that they are not being put on on a daily basis help us to your grace and power
to adorn ourselves in these things
Lord most of all for your glory but God also for our own good
thank you for this time tonight Lord in Jesus
name we pray amen let's sing please 3.31