

GROWING DEEPER



A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

READING

Read: Colossians 3:1-17 and...

Option 1: Romans 6:1-14 – Notice how Paul describes Christians and how they ought to be living now.

Option 2: Revelation 21:1-5 – Consider how the new creation should shape the way Christians live now.

REFLECTION

- Paul says, “You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” What has died, and what new reality has begun? How should being joined to the risen Christ change the way you understand your identity?
- Colossians 3 describes two different ways of being human: the “old self” shaped by the present earthly order and the “new self” being renewed according to Christ. Where do you still see the values and habits of the old world shaping your thoughts, desires, relationships, or behavior?
- Paul does not simply tell Christians to stop doing bad things. He tells them to “put on” compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love. What would it look like for the life of God’s coming kingdom to become visible through you this week?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You sent your Son who brought the life of the age to come into the present world. Through Him, we have died to the old order and have been raised to new life. Teach us to set our minds on the things above, from where Christ reigns in heaven and upon the earth. Help us put to death everything in us that belongs to the old world and clothe us with the character of the new. Let Your peace rule among us, let Your word dwell richly within us, and let everything we do display the life of Your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PREPARE

Over the next month, read Colossians 3:18–4:1. Read it several times before the next gathering. Notice how Paul applies the new life in Christ to ordinary relationships within the household.