

The Process of Sanctification

Source Text: Colossians 3:5-11

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Sermon Points:

1. Take serious action against the personal sin in your life (3:5-7):
2. Take serious action against the relational sins in your life (3:8):
3. A Christian living a life characterized & dominated by sin is living a lie (3:9):

Discussion Questions:

1. What are common views of these sins in our culture or among your church friends?
2. How would you define or describe the process of sanctification in your own life prior to today (e.g., How have you addressed indwelling sin & grown to know and love God more since becoming a believer)?
3. How does Paul's view of sin and call for "putting it to death" challenge and encourage you?
4. How does Paul's view that sanctification is an active struggle challenge and encourage you?
5. Which of the suggested ways of dealing with sin do you use, and which do you think you might like to try? Are there other things you do to put off sin in your life?
6. What are some things you learned and plan to incorporate from this passage?

Additional Resources:

1. “The Expulsive Power of a New Affection” - Sermon by Thomas Chalmers (available online).
2. The abridged version of John Owen’s works: *Mortification of the Flesh*, *Indwelling Sin in the Believer*, and *On Temptation*.
 - a. One version is edited by James Houston, titled *Sin and Temptation*.
 - b. One version is edited by Justin Taylor and Kelly Kapic, titled *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*.