

ROOTED: Sin and Worship
Colossians 3:5-8

This week's sermon was about questions that can help us spiritually mature.

How often do you think most Christians consider whether they are spiritually maturing?

What are some good ways to assess whether we are spiritually maturing? Do you think there are any helpful questions to help determine our progress?

In these verses, Paul challenges the Christians to deal with their sin and to stop sinning.

What keeps people from dealing with their sin?

Have you ever known anyone who has effectively dealt with a sin issue in their life? What, if you know, was involved in that process?

Have you ever been convicted to deal with a sin in your own life?

What the text reveals is that Paul's solution to dealing with sin was not simply trying to keep rules. Rather, it was about finding God more meaningful and more valuable than the idols that led to their sin. Discuss the following quotes on idolatry, sin, and worship:

Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god...to worship...is that pretty anything else will you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough...Worship your own body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly....Worship power and you will end up feeling weak and afraid and you will need ever more power over others to numb your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, and you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out. Look, the insidious things about these forms of worship is not only that they are evil or sinful; it is that they are unconscious. They are default settings.

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When we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing. We worship anything.

G.K. Chesterton