

# Colossians Study Week 7

## Colossians 3:1-10

Think about your last week...What did you think about? Paul tells us this week since we have been made new, we should set our thoughts on things of heaven not things of this world. We are a new creation and we should act like it! Join us this week as we are challenged to live like Jesus!

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### LIVE IT

In the last chapter, Paul exposed the wrong reasons for living a good life, and now focuses on what it means to live for Jesus. We are a new creation and have a new nature, and recognize our old earthly nature is dead. We daily allow God to work in us and shape us into who we were created to be!

- **Do you feel like a “new creation”? How does your life reflect this new nature we have inherited? What does it mean/look like, to set your sights on the realities of Heaven? Or to think about things of Heaven and not things of earth?**
  - Read the following verses and discuss how they are related
    - Colossians 2:12
    - Psalm 110:1
    - Matthew 16:23
    - Philippians 3:19-20

### **Read Colossians 3:3-4**

What does it mean that you died to this life, and that your real life is “hidden” with Jesus in God? Hidden does not mean like it's something you can't find, but it means that it is safe. He is not speaking just to a future hope or something we will realize when we get to heaven, but is speaking to something right now. The way we act and the way we live can never earn our salvation, but they are results of our salvation. Live each day for Jesus!

- **Do you feel like your life is hidden or safe with Jesus? Does the way you live your life show the results of your salvation? Do you daily think about Jesus and daily follow Him?**
  - Read the following verses and discuss how they relate
    - Romans 6:2
    - 2 Corinthians 5:14
    - Colossians 2:20
    - 1 Corinthians 1:7
    - Philippians 3:21
    - 1 Peter 1:13
    - 1 John 2:28
    - 1 John 3:2
      - Jesus not only gives us a hope for the future, He empowers us to live for Him now! Ask yourself, are you ready for Jesus' return? Are you living for Him every day?

### **Ready Colossians 3:5-10**

How are we to live and respond to things of this earth? We should consider ourselves dead and not respond to lust, evil desires, sin and greed. As we grow, we remove these things from our lives... much like a gardener would remove dead and diseased limbs from a tree. Daily, we are called to live like Jesus and make moment by moment decisions to rid our lives of these things. So what do we rely on? The power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Are you living and walking in the power of the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Practically what does it look like to “put to death” sinful and earthly desires?**
  - Read the following verses and discuss how they relate.
    - Mark 7:21
    - 1 Corinthians 6:9
    - 2 Corinthians 12:21
    - Galatians 5:19
    - Ephesians 4:19
    - Romans 1:18

- What is the “anger or wrath” of God? This refers to God’s judgment on the aforementioned behaviors and sin.
- Ephesians 4:22
  - Note the list, rid yourselves of them! Paul was urging the Colossians and us to remain true to our confession of faith... we follow Jesus! So we must get rid of our “old lives” and put on our “new lives”.
- Ephesians 4:24
- Romans 12:2
- Romans 8:29
- Ephesians 2:10
  - What does it mean to put on our new self? It means that your behavior and actions should match your faith. If you call yourself a Christian... ACT LIKE IT. Being a Christian is more than a prayer, more than going to church, more than being a good person. Being a Christian is going after Jesus with all your heart and CHOOSING to take right actions and live like Jesus.