

Do It With All Your Heart

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Colossians 3

Put On the New Self

¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²^[a]Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

⁵Therefore ^[b]consider the members of your earthly body as dead to ^[c]immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which ^[d]amounts to idolatry. ⁶For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come ^[e]upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷and in them you also once walked, when you were living ^[f]in them. ⁸But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹^[g]Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old ^[h]self with its *evil* practices, ¹⁰and have put on the new self who is being ^[i]renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— ¹¹*a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, ^[j]barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and ^[k]patience; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is ^[l]the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ ^[m]rule in your hearts, to which ^[n]indeed you were called in one body; and ^[o]be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of ^[p]Christ richly dwell within you, ^[q]with all wisdom teaching and admonishing ^[r]one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing ^[s]with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Family Relations

¹⁸Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. ²⁰Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing ^[t]to the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

²²Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters ^[u]on earth, not with ^[v]external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, do your work ^[w]heartily, as for the Lord ^[x]rather than for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward ^[y]of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. ²⁵For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and ^[z]that without partiality.

Footnotes:

- a. Colossians 3:2 Or *Be intent on*
- b. Colossians 3:5 Lit *put to death the members which are upon the earth*
- c. Colossians 3:5 Lit *fornication*
- d. Colossians 3:5 Lit *is*
- e. Colossians 3:6 Two early mss do not contain *upon the sons of disobedience*

- f. Colossians 3:7 Or *among these*
- g. Colossians 3:9 Or *Stop lying*
- h. Colossians 3:9 Gr *anthropos*
- i. Colossians 3:10 Lit *renovated*
- j. Colossians 3:11 I.e. those who were not Greeks, either by birth or by culture
- k. Colossians 3:12 I.e. forbearance toward others
- l. Colossians 3:14 Lit *the uniting bond of perfection*
- m. Colossians 3:15 Or *act as arbiter*
- n. Colossians 3:15 Lit *also*
- o. Colossians 3:15 Or *show yourselves thankful*
- p. Colossians 3:16 One early ms reads *the Lord*
- q. Colossians 3:16 Or *in*
- r. Colossians 3:16 Or *one another, singing with psalms...*
- s. Colossians 3:16 Or *by*; lit *in His grace*
- t. Colossians 3:20 Lit *in*
- u. Colossians 3:22 Lit *according to the flesh*
- v. Colossians 3:22 Lit *eyeservice*
- w. Colossians 3:23 Lit *from the soul*
- x. Colossians 3:23 Lit *and not*
- y. Colossians 3:24 I.e. consisting of
- z. Colossians 3:25 Lit *there is no partiality*

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatever Your Hand Finds to Do

¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with *all* your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.

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