

## What? Me put to death?

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Colossians 3:5-11

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### Paul tells us how to Win against Sin 1-4

Truth: To win the battle against sin, and live victoriously,  
Live in light of your identity with the risen Christ!

1. Believers are commanded to radical action 5
  - Put to death - stronger than amputate Mt 5:29-30
  - John Owen - "be killing sin or it will kill you!"
  - Sin begins in heart Mrk 7:20-23; sins progression: Jms 1:14-15
  - Destroy thoughts in thoughts 2 Cor 10:3-5; 1 Cor 6:19-20
2. Believers called to put to death sexual sensuality
  - \* Sexual immorality sexual activity outside of marriage between a husband and wife.
  - \* Impurity moral uncleanness, especially in the mind.
  - \* Passion shameful inner emotion which leads to sexual excess
  - \* Evil Desire any desire outside of God's design
    - > Beware: our culture overwhelms us with sexual sensuality
    - > It is easy to deceive yourself in your mind – flee sexual immorality!
    - > Prv 6:27; Job 31:1 - be willing to radically amputate & put to death
    - > Phil 4:8; Eph 5:3-5 - put on pure things & thanksgiving
3. Warning if you ignore: God's Wrath 6
  - Jesus spoke of: Mt 8:12; 13:41-42; 22:13; 25:30; Lk 12:5; 16:23-24; Mk 9:43,48-49
  - Bible: Gen 18; Ezek 16:49; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Heb 13:4; Rev 18:3
4. Our Hope: The Gospel of Jesus Christ 10
  - Col 1:21-23 – the Gospel Hope! Hide in Christ
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  - Believers died with Christ, no longer have to sin: 1 Cor 6:9-11
  - Marriage between man & woman: Gen 2:18-25. Sex in marriage is honorable Heb 13:4. Sex is to be other centered: 1 Cor 7:2-5
6. In Christ there are no excuses! 11
  - All believers have put on new self – no excuses
  - 2 Cor 5:17-21 - God saved us not for sexual immorality but to be ambassadors for His Glory and Gospel!

## Discuss & Apply:

- Read Mt 5:29-30. Did Jesus mean this literally? Why or why not? So how should a believer apply Jesus' words? How do they relate to Paul's command to 'put to death'?
- We live in a sexually saturated society. What does that mean for a believer and their children when it comes to living in the world?
- What are ways that we deceive ourselves when it comes to sexual sins of the mind? Read Mat 5:27-28. Is it sinful to look at or think of things that defy God's design for sexuality within marriage? Why or why not?
- Can a believer be enslaved to sexual sensuality? What are practical steps they should take to 'put to death' this sin pattern? Hint: what are the put-ons?
- Knowing God's design for sex is a powerful tool to fight sexual sin. Consider the following passages, what do we learn in each? Marriage between man & woman and is not just an act: Gen 1:31; 2:18-25; Mt 5:17-32; Eph 5:25-31. Sex in marriage is honorable Heb 13:4; Prv 5:18,19. Sex is to be other centered: 1 Cor 7:2-5; 2 Cor 5:15; Col 3:17
- In light of our culture how should we be teaching the next generation about God's design for sexuality?
- Read 1 Cor 6:12-20. How does that relate to the diagram below which helps us understand God's plan for believers and their witness?

