

Renewed in Knowledge

Col 3:5-11 Context Colossian's have become believers in Christ

v. 5 "Therefore mortify your members which are on the earth: fornication, passion, evil desire, covetousness which is idolatry...in which you yourselves once walked in them,

Here, Paul identifies our members as fornication, passion, covetousness. In other letters of the NT -he describes our members as "instruments of unrighteousness" "servants to iniquity", "sinful passions at work in our members", "law of sin in our members" "motions of sin... did work in our members" (Ro7) we have "yielded our members as servants to sin"

Notice - doesn't say modify your fornication passion— because they aren't just bad habits – they're part of the core that needs to die – that's what mortify means.

Communicating the same concept: Romans 6: "How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" "buried with Him in baptism" we are raised from the dead to walk in newness of life "he who has died has been set free from sin" "I die daily"

Mortification/death is the solution to the carnal nature and the expression of sin in our lives

v 8 **But now** you yourselves are to put off all these: anger wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth, lying .

These too are expressions of law of sin in my members.

But now - There is a sequence, an order – Now occurs after what happened before. Christian experience is progressive. Went from sex out of marriage, passion, Surrendered that...**But now** we need to deal with anger, wrath, how we feel about each other, react to each other, we say to each other: filthy language, lying – what comes out of our mouth.

One child – dropped a laptop computer – snap! I was like whew

The other child – I used soap, I tried garlic on the tongue -but we can scrub our tongues all day but that's not the true remedy is it?

The Christian experience is not a stop sleeping around clean up your mouth approach.

Whether it's your language or your sex life - These things have a source. James 3 - a spring. the root of the problem. Let's keep reading.

Col 3:8 –But now you yourselves are to **put off** all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have **put off the old man** with his deeds...

Remember how we dealt with fornication, passion, evil desire, covetousness?
Mortification of the root problem, "put off the old man" that is expressed in our members

Lesson 11: Living With Christ (Tuesday)

We are inclined to think one sin is worse than another but it's the same spring: the old man. The carnal nature, the law of sin that we seem to be inextricably bound to. The husband that we cannot get away from unless he dies.

We try to change or modify, ourselves or each other to make us a Christian; we try to beautify the old man... but remember it's not modify it's mortify. Our covetousness, fornication, wrath, lies are letting us know that the old man is still alive.

v. 9- Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds v. 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created Him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all in all ...

This new me is not characterized by race, religious acts, standing in society, mama, life circumstances- no it's characterized by knowledge. Knowledge of what/Who?

v. 10 put on the new who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him

AI has a knowledge – thousands of times smarter than the smartest human.

Secret societies have a knowledge

But what is THE KNOWLEDGE that is going to cause this old man to die and me to be renewed?

The knowledge above all knowledges

This is life eternal that they might know You the only true God Jn 17:3

2 Cor 4:6 – God commanded light to shine out of darkness to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

apparently, we need to put it on (in the sense of sinking into a garment). every morning you choose what you're going to wear for the day and you put it on. You have a choice – There is a gorgeous garment that Christ is extending to every one of us every morning -
Isaiah 52:1 - Put on your BEAUTIFUL garments oh Jerusalem

Ro 13:12- cast off the works of darkness and put on armor of light, put on the Lord Jesus Christ

Eph 4:22, 25- put off concerning the former conversation/ behavior / lifestyle and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man which was created according to God-

How do we make this super practical? experience this death / new birth/new man?

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John the Baptist

By beholding ...the glory of the Lord we become changed, “are beign transformed into the same image from glory to glory”

Looking unto Jesus – He's the Author and the Finisher of this process.

Faithful is He who has called you who also will do it

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“Feeling our inefficiency we are to contemplate Christ and through Him who is the strength of all strength, the thought of all thought the willing and obedient will gain victory after victory” COL 404

Trying to make the old man pretty is not the gospel. [Try to look the part, say the right things, do enough good works...]

This putting off the old man and putting on the new = THE ULTIMATE ANTI-AGING HACK! Truly enable you to live forever.