

Series: Greater Than
Passage: Colossians: 3:1-11
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Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

Put On the New Self

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

1. What is the difference between things that are above and things that are on earth? What might Paul be referring to in verse 2?

2. List all the things that Paul says to “put to death.” Which of these do you struggle with putting to death?

3. Paul names two main areas of behavior that should be abandoned. They have to do with sex and speech. These are two central areas of life that have great potential for good and evil. How does wrongdoing in these two areas of life lead to problems for an individual? How do these problems bleed over into their community?

