

COLOSSIANS

WEEK 6 - COLOSSIANS 3:5-17

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1) In verses 5-11, Paul talks about wrong intentions, actions, and speech. Between the three, which area do you struggle with? What practical things can you do to be better in this area?

2) To Paul, being a Christian is about doing good as much as it is about NOT doing bad. Is it easier for you to NOT do bad or to do good? Why do you think that is?

3) How has Jesus helped you become a better person? What good things can you do this week for a neighbor, friend or your family? Be specific and set goals.

4) Verse 17 talks about doing everything as if you were doing it FOR Jesus. How would your life change if you lived this way?