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STUDY GUIDE – COLOSSIANS – CHAPTER 3 - Part 1

Introduction

1. At the beginning of our study of this epistle, it was stated that a major focus of the epistle is on the _____ or _____ of Christ (1:18), as manifested in the fact that
 - a. in Him is _____, the forgiveness of sin, 1:14
 - b. He is the _____ of God and the _____ over all creation, 1:15
 - c. as creator, He is the _____ over all thrones, _____, principalities or _____, 1:16
 - d. He is the _____ of the body, the church, 1:18
 - e. in Him dwells the _____ of the _____, 1:19; 2:9;
 - f. _____ is in Him and not in _____ or the _____ of men, 2:8-10; not in the keeping of _____, 2:20-22.
2. This next section of the epistle shows how the preeminence of Christ is _____ in the individual _____ of Christians, those who have _____ to Christ's supremacy.
3. We submit to the supremacy of Christ by
 - a. recognizing that we were _____ (2:13; Ephesians 2:1-30;
 - b. dying to _____ and to _____ (Mark 8:34; Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6-7);
 - c. being _____ in baptism where God cuts away (spiritually _____) the _____ of sin (2:11; Romans 6:6)
 - d. and rising from baptism as a new _____ living a new _____ in Christ (2:13; Romans 6:4b, 11).
4. v. 3b Paul further teaches about the preeminence of Christ by saying that He is _____ at the _____ of God (Father).
 - a. This phrase teaches that Christ is in the place of _____ position, honor, power and authority.
(1) before He came in the flesh Christ was _____ with God, Philippians 2:5-11.

(2) when He returned to heaven, He would be (John 17:5) glorified _____ with the _____ with the glory He had with the Father _____ the world was.

b. Jesus was _____ from the dead and _____ to be at the right hand of the Father (cf. Acts 5:31; Ephesians 1:20; 1 Peter 3:22; Hebrews 1:1-3).

c. At the right hand of the Father, in this exalted, preeminent, supreme position is _____ and _____ the Christian must _____ Jesus Christ.

(1) We must _____ Him there and _____ to Him there in our own hearts (1 Peter 3:15).

5. Seeing Him there above, we must

a. vs. 1, seek (_____) those things which are above.

b. vs. 2, we will seek things above if we _____ on things above (cf. Romans 12:1-2)

6. We do 5 a & b Because:

a. v. 1, we were _____ Christ;

b. v. 3a, we have _____ to self, sin, and the world

c. v. 3b, your _____ is _____ with Christ in God

(1) that is, what we have in Christ is not _____ by the world (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:12)

(2) what we have in Christ is not yet completely _____ to us (1 John 3:2);

(3) what we have in Christ is _____ by man or the devil (1 Peter 1:4)

d. v. 4a, Christ our life will one day _____ (return) (Philippians 3:20);

e. v. 4b, When Christ comes we will be _____ with Him in glory (Philippians 3:21)

7. Verses 5ff show that we still have some work to do in the _____ of Christian _____ and _____. We have not yet attained, but we must keep on _____ (Philippians 3:12-14). We are new creatures, but we still live in the old _____ with it's problems and propensities.

8. While we are _____ those things above and _____ our minds on things above, we must be _____ this body on earth. For the text says in verse 5, *put to death your _____ which are on the earth* (cf. Romans 6:12-13).

[NIV = *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature . . .*]

[ESV = *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you . . .*]

Including, v. 5:

- a. fornication (_____ immorality, cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:3)
 - b. uncleanness (_____); a state of mind that _____ in immoral, lustful, luxurious, lawless things, cf. Mark 7:21-22)
 - c. passion (_____ passions; _____ desire in the body, cf. Romans 1:26-27)
 - d. evil desire (always desirous of _____, cf. Ephesians 2:3; Matthew 5:28; James 1:14-15)
 - e. _____, which is _____ (greedy desire to have more; constant desire for material things; *love of money*, 1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- 9.** V. 6b Those who practice the things in verse 5 are called the _____ and they will suffer *the* _____ (cf. Romans 2:5-11).
- 10.** V. 7 In their past, before they obeyed the gospel, these Colossians walked and lived in these _____.
- 11.** Verse 5 begins a list of things to put to death, while verse 8 begins a list of things to _____. What are some differences between the sins listed in v. 5 and those mentioned in v. 8-9?
- a. The first list involves more _____, while the 2nd has more to do with other _____ or _____ sins
 - b. The first list begins with _____ and moves to _____, while the second goes from _____ to _____
- 12.** v. 8-9, Put off all these which are, v. 9, things indicative of the old man
- a. _____ (which is chronic, Ephesians 4:26-27, 31)
 - b. _____ (anger boiling into rage, Exodus 2:11-12; Acts 19:28)
 - c. _____ (a desire to injure; a vicious disposition; ill will)
 - d. _____ (slander; railing; hurtful, injurious speech, Matthew 5:22)
 - e. _____ (abusive speech; shameful speaking; foul-mouthed abuse, Ephesians 5:4)

- f. _____ (Ephesians 4:25) \
- 13.** The “old man” or old self is the self that _____ according to _____, but new man is the me who focuses on the things of the _____ and walks thereby (cf. Galatians 5:16-26)
- a. The new man is renewed in _____ (1:9-11) of Christ and thereby _____ to the _____ of Christ (Ephesians 3:20-21; 4:15).
- 14.** v. 11 No matter _____ a person is or _____ they were or _____ they came from before Christ . . .
- a. Greek (possibly – _____ - Jews who _____ in the Greek world in the midst of Greek culture and _____ Greek (see Acts 6:1; 11:20)
- b. Jew
- c. circumcised
- d. _____ (Ephesians 2:11)
- e. _____ (a term of derision used to describe the uneducated, inarticulate or those who spoke a foreign language)
- f. _____ (one of the most _____ and _____ among the barbarians. A nomadic, warlike, savage people)
- g. slave
- h. free
- . . . now in Christ they are to _____ into the _____ of Christ in the way they lived their _____ lives and in how they were toward other _____.
- 15.** Because, for those putting on the new man, *Christ* _____ in that He is preeminent and supreme in the _____ and _____ of those in Christ. Since Christ is supreme, He governs one’s relationship to others in Christ. All of the above named groups _____, _____ their minds on and _____ to the Christ who is above, *sitting at the right hand of God*.
- 16.** And for those putting on the new man, Christ is _____. The hope of glory for Jew and Gentile is _____, 1:27 (1 Corinthians 12:13).