



# *Walking In Christ*

*Colossians 3:5-11*  
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➤ **Ken Collier (Director of The Wilds):**

“We do what we do because we want what we want. We want what we want because **we think what we think** about God, ourselves and this world.”

➤ **Dr. Rolland McCune (DBTS Professor of Theology):**

“The goal of studying theology is to **LEARN to think God’s thought after Him.**”

# *King Solomon's Request*

*1 Kings 3:9*

Therefore **give to Your servant an understanding heart** to judge Your people, **that I may discern between good and evil**. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?

# *A Christian Life Is A Continual Walk In Christ*

*Colossians 2:6*

As you therefore have **received Christ Jesus the  
(as) Lord, so walk in Him.**

## *Colossians 3:1-4*

If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ *who is our* life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**A. In Order To For Us To WALK In CHRIST We Must Have DIED To Sin And Been RAISED In New Life.**

**B. In Order For Us To Walk In CHRIST We Must Be Passionate About The Things That Matter Most To JESUS.**

**C. In Order For Us To Walk In Christ We Must Believe His Promises And Anticipate Their Fulfillment.**

# *Before I Received New Life From Jesus I Was :*

- **An enemy of God**
- **A stranger to God's family**
- **A slave to sin**
- **A son of disobedience**

## *Now In Christ I Am:*

- **A child of God**
- **Now His adopted child**
- **A slave to righteousness**
- **Holy and beloved**

# *Before I Received New Life From Jesus I Was :*

- **Without hope in this world**
- **Hostile to God**
- **Living for earthly pleasures**
- **Destined for eternal wrath**

## *Now In Christ I Am:*

- **The assurance of eternal life**
- **Peace with God and submitted to Him**
- **Living for things above - to please God**
- **Awaiting pleasures forevermore**

When our minds are set on things above, our lives will not be dominated by temporal things!

## *Colossians 3:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup> Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

<sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

<sup>8</sup> But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

## *Colossians 3:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, <sup>11</sup> where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all!

## A. We Must Put Off The Sin That Destroys Our Private Lives.

- Colossians 3:5 **Therefore** put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

## *Matthew 5:29-30*

If your right eye causes you to sin, **pluck it out** and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, **cut it off** and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

## *1 Corinthians 6:18*

**Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins **against his own body.**

## *Hebrews 13:4*

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;  
but **fornicators and adulterers God will judge**

## *Exodus 20:17*

“You shall **not covet** your neighbor’s house; you shall **not covet** your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor **anything that is your neighbor’s**.

## *Luke 12:15*

And He said to them, “Take heed and **beware of covetousness**, for one’s **life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses**.

## *Hebrews 13:5*

Let your **conduct be without covetousness; be content** with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you...*"

## *2 Corinthians 4:16-17*

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though **our outward man is perishing**, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For **our light affliction**, which is but for a moment, **is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.**

## **B. We Must Put Off The Sin That Derails Our Daily Lives.**

- Colossians 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

## *2 Corinthians 4:16-17*

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though **our outward man is perishing**, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For **our light affliction**, which is but for a moment, **is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,**

## *James 3:8-10*

But no man can tame **the tongue**. *It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.* <sup>9</sup> **With it** we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup> **Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.**

## C. We Must Put Off The Sin That Dismantles Our Church Lives.

- Colossians 3:9a **Do not lie to one another, . . .**
- Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, **putting away lying,** “Let each one of you **speaking truth with his neighbor,**” for we are **members of one another**

## D. The Motivation Given For Putting Off The Old Life.

- Colossians 3:6–7 Because of these things **the wrath of God is coming** upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves **once walked** when you lived in them. . . .

## E. The Reason We Will Put Off The Old Life.

- Colossians 3:9b–11 . . . since **you have put off** the old man with his deeds,<sup>10</sup> and **have put on** the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,<sup>11</sup> where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, **but Christ is all and in all.**



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