



# *Walking In Christ*

*Colossians 3:8-17  
Pastor Billy M. Gotcher  
November 26, 2017*

# *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?
- Hebrews 10:24 And let us **consider** (take thought; think of ways; be concerned about) **one another** in order to **stir up (stimulate; spur on; promote) love and good works**



*Is our thinking gospel centered?*

---

**We do what we do because we want  
what we want.**

**We want what we want because we think  
what we think.**

## *Colossians 2:6*

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

## *Colossians 3:1-2*

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.

## *Colossians 3:3-4*

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.**

# *Walking In Christ Causes Us To Put Off The Old Life*

---

**I. Gospel thinking Comes From A Transformed Heart & Mind And It Causes Us To Put Off The Old Life!**

## *Colossians 3:5-8*

**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*

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**.



## 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.

## *James 1:2-3*

My brethren, **count it all joy when** you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> **knowing that** the testing of your faith produces patience.

## *1 Peter 1:6-7*

**In this you greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, **if need be**, you have been **grieved by various trials**, <sup>7</sup> **that the genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

## *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**

# *Gospel Thinking*

---

Understanding Why Walking In Christ  
Causes Us To 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.**

# *Gospel Thinking*

---

II. Why Walking In Christ Enables Us To  
Put On The New Life

## *Colossians 3:12-14*

**Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection.

## *Colossians 3:15-17*

And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> **Let the word of Christ dwell in you** richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And *whatever* you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## *Ephesians 1:4-5*

just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy** and without blame before Him **in love,** <sup>5</sup> having **predestined us to adoption** as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

## *Colossians 3:10-11*

(you) have **put on the new man . . .** <sup>11</sup> **where Christ is all and in all**



## A. We must Put On Christ-like graces.

- Colossians 3:12 **Therefore**, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.**



[www.tbcvt.org](http://www.tbcvt.org)