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## *The Power of Christ over Sin*

**Colossians 3:1-11**

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1. Set your heart and mind on things above. (Colossians 3:1-4)

2. Put to death what is lower and base in you. (Colossians 3:5-7)

### 3. Put away the life you once saved. (Colossians 3:8-11)

## Table Talk

- 1) What does Paul want us to do rather than the legalism warned against in 2:16-23 and the license in 3:5-11? (3:1-4)
- 2) How are legalism and license alike? How are they different? Why is recognizing that they are alike important? Why is the idea that we ought to have a “balance” between legalism and license so wrong?
- 3) After warning us against legalism (2:16-23), Paul now tackles the topic of license (3:5-11). What things does Paul say we should put to death? (3:5-7) Why is sexuality at the top of the list? What is there in the word, “passion,” that tells us that Paul refuses to accept that we “cannot help” it?
- 4) What is “the covetousness”? (3:5) How does greed come to each of us? What are ways that Christians are tempted to idolatry in our own community? (3:5) What did you take away from Pastor Scott’s article about covetousness in the recent Oak Leaf? What motivation does Paul give for getting rid of all these? (Hint: there are four—one is found in 3:1; one in 3:3; one in 3:4; and one in 3:6) Why are these motivations better than what psychotherapy offers?
- 5) What things from our former life does Paul now want us to put away from us? (3:8) Which of these are most challenging for you? What does Paul mean by putting off the old self and putting on the new self (3:9-10)?
- 6) How does Paul emphasize that our personal reputation and history matter nothing at all? (3:11) What is the only thing that matters?