

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 3:5-10

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INTRODUCTION

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What's Paul's Main Charge (5a, 7)?

What Are Earthly Things (5b, 8-9a)?

1. *Sexual immorality*
2. *Impurity*
3. *Passion*
4. *Evil desire*
5. *Covetousness (which is idolatry)*
6. *Anger*
7. *Rage*
8. *Malice*
9. *Slander*
10. *Obscene talk*
11. *Lying*

Why Does it Matter (6)?

How Do We Do What Paul Commands (10)?

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

Paul's line of thinking is essentially this: You have a new nature in Christ, so live like it by faith. Or, negatively, you are dead to earthly things so stop acting as if you're still alive to them. Or, as those redeemed by Jesus, by the powerful working of God, pursue knowledge of Christlikeness, and gladly conform to it by embracing your new self and killing whatever is left of your old self and its practices.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which of the sermon's four questions did you most need to consider?
3. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you consider the God-ordained killing in the Bible? How does it make you feel?
4. Had you ever thought about killing your sin? What does that mean?
5. What are the main earthly impulses and practices that still tempt you? Why do you think they are still appealing?
6. Which of the eleven earthly things listed by Paul stands out to you the most and why?
7. Why do you think Paul gave the list he did? Can you see the importance of the two lists?
8. How far along have you made it in the progression of the second list?
9. How much urgency do you feel to kill sin in your life?
10. When you consider putting your sin to death, which ditch are you most prone to fall into (killing non-sin or denying sin)?
11. Have you ever tried to "kill" sin (not merely to stop sinning)? How have you gone about doing so?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Ask someone you trust to tell you which earthly thing on Paul's list you most seem to struggle with and put it to death.
14. Apologize to someone you've sinned against. Ask them to forgive you.
15. Make a list of all the things God's Word says are true of you in Christ and begin thinking through what would be different in your life if you truly believed them.
16. Memorize and practice Ephesians 4:29.
17. Memorize a promise of God that relates to a specific earthly desire in you.
18. Install [Covenant Eyes](#) or [Accountable2U](#) software on your phone.
19. Look up the various ways God has ordained killing in the Bible. Consider them in relation to His command to kill your sin.
20. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

21. Adoration. Praise God that He is always holy, pure, moral, passionate, angry, wrathful, and Truth, but never, immoral, impure, evil, covetous, malicious, slanderous, obscene, or a liar. Praise God that He is creator, redeemer, and ever-new.
22. Confession. Confess any earthly appetite or practice, but especially sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness (which is idolatry), anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, and lying. Confess it to God and someone who will pray with you and for you in those areas.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God that He is renewing us in knowledge after His image. Thank God that He is putting to death in us that which is already dead. Thank God for His mercy and grace. Thank God for His redemption and restoration of sinners.
24. Supplication. Ask God to make us a church that treasures Jesus above all and, therefore, strives continually to put to death what is earthly in us. Ask God to help us believe what is already true of and for us (God's Word and promises).