

A New You, A New Life (part 1)
Colossians

Colossians 3 & 4 are the way **to live out** the truths in Colossians 1 & 2

Colossians 3:1-2

1. SET YOUR HEART AND YOUR MIND

- Both our AFFECTIONS and our THOUGHTS

Affections + thoughts = ACTIONS

Where do we set them?

What is the “Spiritual Compass” in our lives?

Paul describes it in one word: HEAVENLY

Where Christ is seated is a place of...

- AUTHORITY
- SECURITY

How do we set them?

The power to do this is found in one word ... RESURRECTION

Give me some practical help... How do you set a heart and a mind?

- Start the night before and first thing each day with thoughts about God
- Pray throughout the day that God would give you a heavenly perspective on people, events and circumstances
- Make God’s Word a part of your life every day.

- Spend time around others who want to think like you do.

We either see things below in light of things above or we allow things that are below to block our vision of things above.

Colossians 3:3-7

II. SEE YOURSELF AS DEAD AND ALIVE

Christ not only died for us: SUBSTITUTION

We also died with Him: IDENTIFICATION

Notice...
You died
Put to death therefore...

Why do I have to put to death that which is already dead??

What died? **NAPOLEAN STORY**

Sins of

- Immorality
- Impurity
- Lust
- Evil desires
- Greed

Why should we put these attitudes to death?

1. They hurt the heart of God
2. They no longer fit who we really are!

Our dealing with sin will take one of two forms ...

- Don’t let it in the door of your life

- Throw it **out the door of your life**

Colossians 3:8-11

III. TAKE OFF THE **OLD** AND PUT ON THE **NEW**

Relationship Sins

- **Anger**
- **Rage**
- **Malice**
- **Slander**
- **Filthy Language**
- **Lying**

Growth in my new life is a simple two-step process ...

1. Take off the old

The test: Are you **ACTING** in a new way?

2. Put on the new

The test: Are you **THINKING** in a new way?

We cannot use our background as an excuse for sin...

because we are ALL **NEW IN CHRIST**.