

## Putting off Sin (Part 1)

### Colossians 3:5-11

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**Main Idea: If we want to live for our glorious Savior—we must violently, thoroughly, and consistently put off sin.**

- I. You Must Put Sin to Death (vv. 5–7)
  - A. What do we put to death?
    1. Immoral Acts
    2. Immoral Thoughts
    3. Immoral Desires
  - B. Why must we put sin to death?
    1. Because God will pour out His just wrath on sin (V. 6)
    2. Because sin belongs to your former life (v. 7)

#### Extending the Impact:

1. In vv. 5–17, Paul teaches that if you want to grow in your sanctification, you must follow two major principles. What are these two principles and why does Paul place them in this exact order?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In order to put off sin, Colossians 3:5 says we must put sin to death. Describe the importance of taking such extreme measures to grow in your spiritual walk. What happens when one do not put up such an effort against sin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What kind of “drastic measures” might one take in their fight against sin? (Matthew 5:29–30; Galatians 5:24; Hebrews 12:4)

4. Knowing that the Christian life is a daily war against sin, Paul doesn't just leave us with generalities. He gets specific. He names the list of sins we must fight against. What do we learn from this list about our fight against sin?
  
5. Why is it important that we fight internal sin as well as external sin?
  
6. Explain how greed—or idolatry—is at the heart of every sin. How does this informing truth aid you to fight the good fight?
  
7. There is an old proverb that is helpful in the battle against sin. "While we can't stop the birds from flying in, we can stop them from building a nest." What does this mean? How are you taking your thoughts captive in obedience to Christ? (Ephesians 5:3)
  
8. Based on verse 6, what are the two reasons the believer must "put off" sin from one's life? Could we add anymore? How do these motivate us for the battle? (Zephaniah 1:14-17; Revelation 6:12-17; Romans 6:1-2)
  
9. Are you a believer living with unconfessed sin? Have you grown lazy in the battle against sin? Take this time to go before the throne of our Lord in repentance, confessing your sin, if so. (Psalm 51; 1 John 1:9)