

## The Sanctifying Power of Christ (Colossians 3)

*“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves”...  
Colossians 3:12 (NIV)*

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”  
Romans 8:28-30 (NIV)*

- Salvation should be seen as Past tense (Justification), Present tense (Sanctification), Future tense (Glorification) Jesus did not come to bring me religion; he came to be my only hope.

The goal of God for the Christian is Sanctification. Sanctification is the believer becoming practically what they are positionally. Sanctification is being conformed to the likeness of Jesus.

### I. **Positional** Sanctification:

- We are to have a heavenly mindset

*“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”  
Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)*

- Raised with Christ
- Hidden with Christ

### II. **Practical** Sanctification

- We are to put off the old...

*“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”*

*Colossians 3:5-9 (NIV)*

- We are to put on the new...

*Colossians 3:10-25*

*“put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”*

*Colossians 3:10 (NIV)*

#### **New wardrobe**

*“...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

*Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)*

#### **New Attitude**

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

*Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)*

#### **New Home life**

18 *“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”*

19 *“Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.”*

20 *“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”*

21 *“Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”*

#### **New workplace**

*“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”*

*Colossians 10:22-24 (NIV)*