

Sermon Notes for Young People

August 4, 2019 | Col. 3:5-6, "Killing and Living"

I. Introduction: In what sense do Christians already have everything they need?

II. Main Argument

A. Living by Killing (v. 5)

1. Practical Truths:

- a. What is the foundation for these practical commands? Why does the foundation matter?
- b. Why are death and life with Christ not merely metaphors, and how are they expressed?

2. Put to Death

- a. What are the two ways to translate the command here?
- b. What does obedience to this command mean for how you relate to the old habits?

3. Members

- a. What is the difference between what Paul commands here and the "asceticism" he condemned in Chapter Two?
- b. **Application**: how is killing sin in yourself like getting one's mother-in-law out of the house?

B. Perverted Loves (v. 5): why is it helpful that Paul uses the true names for sins?

1. Sexual Immorality: what was Paul's culture like?

a. Why is sexual activity for marriage alone?

b. What hope is there for the sexually immoral?

2. Impurity: what does this mean, and how do we avoid impurity?

3. Passion (or lust): what is this, and how is it different from *evil desire*?

4. Evil Desire

a. Is Paul referring to all temptation here?

b. Must Christians repent of desires they did not choose to have?

5. Covetousness: what is covetousness precisely, and how is it the 'root' of it all?

a. Why is covetousness idolatry?

b. How is "my country, right or wrong" idolatry?

6. **Application**: why is it vital to resist temptation at the earliest stages?

C. Reason for Killing (v. 6)

1. Why should Christians put these things to death?

2. What is God's Wrath and why is it necessary?

III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: