



# Dead to Actions that No Longer Characterize the Believer

(continued)

## Scripture Reading:

Romans 6:11-13

I John 1:5-6, 2:4-6

# Introduction and Review

- **What is our TRUE identity as “born from above” (KJV “born again”)?**
  - **Physical appearance?**
  - **Family relationships?**
  - **Worldly status**
  - **Personal abilities?**
  - **Accomplishments?**
- **No! None of these things!**

# REVIEW

- Our identity and value is how GOD sees us in His Son.
  - Focus: That is who we truly are
- Therefore, according to Colossians 3:1, we are to mentally search for those “things above” (the blessings referred to in Eph 1;3), where we are seated in Christ at the Father’s right hand.

# REVIEW

- There, at the Father's right hand in Christ, we are to see ourselves:
  - **To have DIED WITH CHRIST**
    - to our sin nature and the control of the world system
  - **To be RISEN and SEATED WITH CHRIST, thus**
  - **To be ALIVE IN CHRIST and to count God's opinion of us**
    - count it true - "reckon" KJV – Rom 6:11

# REVIEW

- **With our focused thinking on “things above, not on things upon the earth” we are then to align:**
  - **Our actions on earth with**
  - **Our position in heaven, in Christ**

# REVIEW

- We are to put to death (“mortify” KJV) our bodily members that are being unrighteously affected here on earth – Col 3:6
  - **Fornication** - any illicit sexual relationship
  - **Uncleanness** - “retention in the mind of thoughts that are disgustingly filthy” – HLSchafer
  - **Passion** - thoughts and actions that are difficult to give up
  - **Evil lust** - strong desires that lack character
  - **Greediness** - desire to have more in relation to the world-system

# REVIEW

- We are to put off (by imputation):
  - **Anger** - a settled habitual anger that desires an outward expression of revenge
  - **Wrath** - a strong inner burning which can lead to an expression of anger
  - **Evil** - that which lacks in character
    - For the believer: lacking in the character of Christ in any situation
  - **Blasphemy** - making a false attribution toward a person or thing
  - **Filthy communication** - filthy obscene speech

# INTRODUCTION

- Now we come to Paul's third imperative concerning activities that no longer characterize the grace-believer: **“Stop lying to one another!” Col 3:9**



# Distinctions Between “The Lie” (Eph 4:5) and “Lying” (Col 3:9)

“The Lie” = thinking that we are independent from God

- Eph 4:25; Jn 8:44; Rom 1:18, 25; II Thess 2:11

“Lying” = acting as if we are independent from God

- Examples of George Washington and Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5)
- Paul’s assertion of his truth accounts of experiences (II Cor 11:31, Gal 1:20)
- Paul’s veracity of his authoritative message (II Tim 2:7)
- The Holy Spirit’s teaching is no lie (I Jn 2:27)

# The Ways Believers Lie to One Another

By professing  
fellowship while  
walking in darkness

**I Jn 1:5-6**

By teaching legalism  
and asceticism for the  
Christian life

**Col 2:21-23**

By promoting  
living  
independently  
from Christ and  
fellow Christians

**Rev  
3:14,17;  
Eph 4:15-16**

# CONCLUSION

- “Let the word (discourse) of (the) Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” - Colossians 3:16