

**Dead to Actions Associated with the Old Man
and
Alive to Actions Associated with the New Man
(continued)**

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 3:1-17

As NT grace-believers, our

**TRUE
IDENTITY**

**is how God
sees us to be
in His Son:**

- **He see us to have died to our sin nature and to the control of the world-system**
- **He sees us to have been raised with Christ**
- **He sees us to be seated in Christ and His right hand in the 3rd heaven**

INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

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- In Colossians 3:5 we are instructed to keep putting to death actions coming from our sin nature.
 - These behaviors are who we were in fallen Adam
 - And in verse 8 to keep putting off additional unrighteous actions
 - These activities, practiced by a believer, are like ‘grave-clothes’

INTRODUCTION

Last week in Col 3:9, we saw instruction to “stop lying to one another”, and in Eph 4:25 to “put away (the) lie”, which involves acting independently from God.

- The act of lying is the practice of the lie
 - 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-believers
 - cf Eph 4:15-16

INTRODUCTION

- These unrighteous activities are no longer characteristic of us because we have put off the Old Man AND his practices when we were first saved – Col 3:9
- We have put on the New Man, which is continually being renewed unto a full experiential knowledge according to an image of the One that created the New Man – Col 3:10
 - Image = outward display of the LIFE and CHARACTER of CHRIST

No
Distinctions
Between All
Those in
Christ

(Col 3:11)

“Greek nor Jew”

racial distinctions

“Circumcised (physically) nor uncircumcised”

religious background distinctions

“Barbarian nor (even) Scythian”

levels of social distinctions

“Bond nor free”

economic distinctions

“All are in Christ and Christ is all things to
those in Him”

Attitudes and Actions to Put On

(Col 3:12-14)

Identity

- Elect, holy, beloved

Attitudes

- Bowels of mercy, kindness, humility (low-mindedness)
- Meekness (objective thinking), longsuffering

Actions of the New Man

- Forbearing one another - Col 3:13-14
 - cf Phil 2:2-4, Eph1:3-4

Attitudes and Actions to Put On (continued)

(Col 3:12-14)

Actions of the New Man

- **Being gracious** (having grace) to yourselves) - Two words translated "forgiveness": **aphi-emi** 'to send away' and **charis** 'to be gracious' or 'to have grace'

cf Eph 4:32 "...gracing yourselves, even as God in Christ *has* graced you..."

cf II Tim 2:1 "...therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"

Attitudes and Actions to Put On (continued)

(Col 3:12-14)

Actions of the New Man

- “Overall, put on love, the bond of maturity”
- “Let God’s peace rule (as an umpire) in our hearts”
- “Come to be thankful”

Actions of the New Man

Attitudes and Actions to Put On (continued)

(Col 3:12-14)

- “Let the word concerning The Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teach you (*who you are in Christ*) and admonishing (*who you are NOT in Christ*) to yourselves:
 - By psalms
 - By hymns
 - By spiritual odes (*spiritual truths in melodic poetic form*)
- “Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”

CONCLUSION

- **Col 3:17:**
 - **“Let all our actions (in word or deed) be done in a character quality of the Lord Jesus, while at the same time giving thanks to God through Him”**