



RESURRECTION MATTERS: DYING TO LIVE

Colossians 3:5-11



THEREFORE VS. 5

Since you have been raised with Christ...

Since you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God...

Not behavior modification, but a direct result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Christian life is characterized by repentance.

FAIR WARNING VS. 6

Vs. 5 “Put to death” Decisive. Thorough. This is not a war of attrition. (Rom. 8:12-13)

Vs. 8 “You must rid yourself of these”

“Because of these the wrath of God is coming.”

Sexual immorality - Any form of sexual sin

Impurity – Incl. sexual acts, evil thoughts and intentions. “Any unnatural pollution, whether acted out alone or with another.”

Lust – “The soul’s diseased condition from which various lusts spring.”

Evil desires – The active and evil desire resulting from above condition

Greed - Insatiable desire to gain more. "The longing of the creature which has forsaken God to fill itself with the lower objects of nature."

Idolatry – Self worship. Worship of false gods

Anger – Deep, smoldering bitterness

Rage – Sudden outburst of sinful anger, typically more passionate than Anger (above)

Malice – General moral evil. Wickedness as an evil habit of the mind

Slander – The very worst type of slander, wounding one's reputation by evil reports/evil speaking

Filthy language

Lying



VS. 7

“You used to walk in these ways...”

Yeah, when Satan was lord of your life

Eph. 2:1-5

Titus 3:3-7



“Whatever” (vs. 5) and “all such things as” (Vs. 8)
implies this is not a comprehensive list

This is especially notable for those of us who love the
letter of the Law

VS. 9-10 WHY IT HAS TO GO?

Like changing clothes

You have taken off your old self and its practices

Rom. 6:6

You have put on your new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

Eph. 4:22-24



VS. 11

No exceptions for

Stereotypical behaviors

Things grandfathered in

Family traditions

Sins of the fathers

“That’s just their way”

2 Cor. 5:17