

## Colossians 3:8-11

Learning to Mortify Our Old Nature

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
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## Outline

Colossians 3:1-4 Our association with Christ and our resulting affections

Colossians 3:5-11 Our disassociation with the world and our resulting hatred

Colossian 3:12-4:6 Our association with Christ and our new character

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
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## Putting Our Old Self To Death

Colossians 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

Them = acts of immorality

<u>Verse 5</u>	<u>Verse 8</u>
immorality	anger
impurity	wrath
passion	malice
evil desire	slander
greed	abusive speech

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αποτιθημι = "put off" (clothing Acts 7:58) (old nature Rom 13:12; Eph 4:22)

οργη, θυμος = often used together (Rom 2:5-8)

- Righteous anger is not sinful, but acting to usurp God's place for vengeance is:
- Ephesians 4:26 Be angry and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger...
- Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God...

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## Righteous Anger

- Numbers 25:6-9 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman, **in the sight of Moses and in sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel**...When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand, and he went in after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through...So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked...Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying, Phinehas son of Eleazor...has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

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κακιαν = malice – "hateful" "intent to do harm"

βλασφημιαν = slander – to speak or act in order to harm someone's reputation. (Titus 3:1-2)

Matthew 5:21-22 You have heard that the ancients were told, "You shall not commit murder shall be liable to the court." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court...and whoever says, "You fool," shall be guilty of hell.

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James 3:8-9 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God.

Ephesians 5:3-4 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting...

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### Putting On The New Man

Colossians 3:9-10 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him...

Is it ever moral to lie?

Exodus 1:19-20 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes." So God was good to the midwives...

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### A Proposal On Biblical Ethics

- In some cases telling the truth would be synonymous with being aligned with "the lie."
- Example: "Yes king of Jericho, as a matter of fact, the two spies you are looking for are on my roof!" (my pretend Rahab)
- Romans 1:25
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:11

F.F. Bruce "By 'the lie' is apparently meant the denial of the fundamental truth that God is God."

Caution! Romans 3:5-8 (We don't lie to "help" God)

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### God Is Renewing Us

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Επιγνωσιν= true knowledge – precise knowledge of things ethical and divine.

Κατα= according to – preposition of standard

God is restoring our image that was marred by the fall (Genesis 1:27; Romans 8:29)

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### No Ethnicity In Christ

Colossians 3:11 a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Barbarian, Scythian = synonymous for barbarian – contrasted with Greek (gentile readers)

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks, and to barbarians both to the wise and to the foolish...

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### One People Under Christ

Marxist Academia

1. Classless/Raceless Society
2. They teach macro evolution!

Church (true)

1. We are in a classless/raceless society!
2. Bible teaches men are created in the image of God! (We are renewed in Christ)

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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