

**Sermon Series: *Jesus, Our All In All* Sermon Title: *Living in Light of Our Glorious Identity* Scripture: Colossians 3:5-17** Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, November 24, 2019

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. ALIVE IN CHRIST… AND THANKFUL FOR IT!**

**A. We should be thankful that sin’s power over us has been broken!**

Note: Before Paul tells us what to do, he tells us what we must know!

*If we’ve already died with Christ (verse 3), why are we commanded to put sin to death (verse 5)?*

Note: Sin no longer reigns in our life but it does remain as a constant, nagging enemy to be killed.

Note: In Christ, you have been given a license to kill the remaining sin and temptation in your life.

The First List: ***“…sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5)***

The Second List: ***“…anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk… Do not lie to one another…” (Colossians 3:8-9)***

Note: Be aggressive, strategic, and ruthless when dealing with sin and temptation.

***“If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.” (Matthew 5:29-30)***

**B. We should be thankful that we can continually grow to be more like Christ!**

Note: This is true for everyone who is in Christ! There are no “second-class” citizens in Christ.

***“…for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26-28)***

Note: Paul reminds us, once again in verse 12, who we are: chosen, holy, and beloved.

Note: In verses 12 to 14, Paul is painting a picture of Jesus, a portrait of God’s heart!

 ***Philippians 2:5-8; Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 13:7; Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:14 -***

**C. We should be thankful for the peace of Christ, the word of Christ, and the name of Christ.**

Note: Praise God that the peace, which Jesus gives, can rule, govern, guard, and protect us in our hearts and minds!

Note: Praise God that the word of Christ teaches, admonishes, and leads us to worship, worship that results in mutual growth and thanksgiving!

Note: Praise God that we can live every aspect of our lives, with thanksgiving, for the glory and honor of Jesus.

**Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

1. Why does Paul speak in such dramatic terms in verse 5 (*“put to death”*)? What are the things we should put to death? Why is this so important?
2. How do we know that there are no “second class” citizens in Christ? What does verse 11 teach us? What practical benefit and application does this verse have for us today?
3. What are we told to “put on” in verses 12-14? Why is this so important?
4. What does it look like to have the “peace of Christ” (verse 15) ruling in our hearts?
5. How can the “word of Christ” dwell in us richly? Do you think that the word of Christ dwells in you richly? Why or why not?
6. What does it mean to “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus” (verse 17)?
7. Why does Paul emphasize “thanksgiving” so much in verses 15-17?