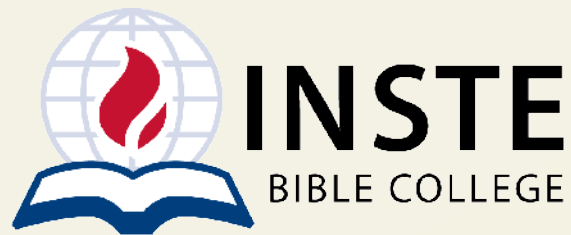


To Be Like God: Put On the New Self

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Introduction

- A Series on Holiness
 - Week 1- Why be holy?
 - Isaiah 6:1-8
 - Week 2- How to remain holy?
 - Colossians 3:1-17
 - Week 3- What is the reward for being holy?
 - Revelation 21-22

Biblical Background

- Colossians is one of Paul's prison epistles which also include Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon
- Very little is known regarding the origin of the church at Colossae
- The legalistic believers declared that in order to be holy, one had to follow the total letter of the law

Biblical Background

- Paul emphasized the total sufficiency that the believer has “in Christ”
- God provides everything the believer needs to live a successful life
- The believer is complete when he/she is “in Christ”
- That is why, a holy life can be lived “in Christ” and not by being a legalist

Biblical Text

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1 ESV)

Outline

- Seek the Things That are Above- 1 to 4
- Put to Death What is Earthly- 5 to 9
- Put On the New Self- 10 to 17

Seek the Things That are Above

- Risen with Christ (v 1-4)
 - Christ is at the right hand of God
 - God has reserved for His people a life “in Christ”
 - Christ is the foundation of our holiness
 - Christ is the life of the believer
 - Christ and his people will reign together
- Think of the things from above
 - Paul contrasts the heavenly and earthly

Put to Death What is Earthly

- The earthly (v 5-9)
 - Contrasted with the things from above
 - It has to do with the life from within:
 - Sexual immorality
 - Impurity
 - Passion and evil desires
 - Covetousness which is idolatry
 - On account of these, the wrath of God is coming

Put to Death What is Earthly

- The earthly (v 5-9)
 - Contrasted with the things from above
 - It has to do with the life from within:
 - Anger
 - Wrath
 - Malice
 - Slander
 - Obscene talk
 - Do not lie to one another

Put On the New Self

- The New Self (v 10-17)
 - Renewed in the knowledge of the Creator
 - Not important being a Greek
 - Not important being a Jew
 - Not important being circumcised
 - Not important being uncircumcised
 - Not important being a barbarian
 - Not important being a Scythian
 - Not important being a slave
 - Not important being a free person
- **What is important--Christ is all, and in all**

Put On the New Self

- The New Self (v 10-17)
 - God has chosen and loved His people to be holy and they are to:
 - Have compassionate hearts
 - Be kind
 - Be humble
 - Be meek
 - Be patient

Put On the New Self

- The New Self (v 10-17)
 - God has chosen and loved His people to be holy and they are to:
 - Bear with one another
 - Forgive one another
 - Forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven
 - Above all put on love
 - Let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts

Put On the New Self

- The New Self (v 10-17)
 - God has chosen and loved His people to be holy. They are to:
 - Be thankful
 - Let the word of Christ dwell richly
 - Admonish one another in wisdom
 - Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
 - Be thankful to God
 - Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus

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Conclusion

- We are to continue in the process of holiness
- I am holy, I am being holy and I will be holy
- God has not finished His work in us. His resources are more than enough
- What do you have on? The earthly or heavenly self? Let's pray

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