

Before and After

Colossians 3:5-11

- I. Put to death the sins that remain from your earthly nature (3:5-6; see 3:1-2).
 - A. What – These sins must die in our lives (5).
 - *Immorality* – Anything other than godly sexuality
 - *Sinful cravings* – Harmful controlling desires
 - *Greed = Idolatry* – When the desire for material things are priority instead of God
 - B. Why – These are sins God judges eternally in unbelievers (6).

- II. Put off sins from your earthly nature as if they were old clothes (3:7-11).
 - A. What – These sins must be abandoned (7-9a).
 - Anger sins
 - Language sins
 - Lying
 - B. How – Leave behind your past identity and begin wearing your new identity (9b-11).
 - *We have taken off* – We are no longer dominated by the sin of our old identity.
 - *We have put on* – We have a new identity able to imitate Christ who gave it.
 - *Greek, Jew...* No race, religious identity, family of origin or economic status matters in our new identity in Christ.