

Kill What’s Killing You - Colossians 3:5-11

“Therefore...” – My Union with Christ

Before Paul tells the Colossians what they must ____, he reminds them _____.
The call to put sin to death is not an attempt to become someone new.
It is the response of someone who *already has been* made new through union with Christ.

What Does It Mean to ‘Put Sin to Death’?

Paul is not describing a minor adjustment to our behavior. He is describing a ruthless warfare against everything that belongs to the old life.
This is what theologians have historically called _____.
The word simply means “putting to death.” It is the ongoing work of identifying, resisting, weakening, and killing sin wherever it appears in our lives.
The command to put sin to death is not grounded in human _____ but in divine _____.

Why Must I Put Sin to Death?

Why the language of execution? Why “put to death”? Why not simply “avoid” these things?

1) Because my sin is _____ me. (vv. 5, 7-9)

- Sin _____ ...
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 - Sexual immorality ...
 - Impurity ...
 - Passion or lust ...
 - Evil desire ...
 - Greed ...
 - Anger ...
 - Wrath
 - Malice ...
 - Slander ...
 - Obscene talk ...
 - Lying ...
- None of these sins remain isolated incidents. They become _____. Habits become _____. Patterns become _____. And character shapes the direction of a life.

2) Because God _____ sin. (v. 6)

- The wrath of God is His settled, holy, righteous opposition to everything that is evil.
God hates sin because God is _____.
God opposes sin because God is _____.
God judges sin because God is _____.
If God did not hate sin, He would not be worthy of our worship.
The very sins we are often tempted to excuse, minimize, or tolerate are the sins that provoke the holy opposition of God.
If God hates sin, then those who love God must learn to hate it as well.

3) Because Christ is _____ me. (vv. 9-10)

- The Christian is not merely running away *from* something.
The Christian is moving *toward* something.
_____ is attempting to conform you to the old life.
_____ is conforming you to His image.
Sin is seeking to _____ the *old* man.
Christ is _____ the *new* man.
That is why we put sin to death.

The Great Antidote to Sin

The Christian life is not ultimately won by becoming preoccupied with sin. It is won by becoming increasingly occupied with Christ.
The old self is put off because Christ is _____.
Sin is mortified because Christ is more _____.
Holiness grows because Christ becomes more _____.
The believer’s life is one of continual replacement. We put off the old because we have found something infinitely better in Christ.
And where Christ is treasured above all things, sin gradually loses its power to rule.