



CHRIST THE KING
ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN HIM



Killing Sin & Why You Should

Colossians 3.5-11

Main Idea

Sin lies about God so it must be put to death by the Christian trusting Christ's identity as a child of righteousness...and in that life is a righteousness that is true life as it was intended

Overview

I. Sin lies about the Glory of God

- The "Therefore" (vs. 5) gives context to the putting to death what is earthly
 - In light of the fact that the Christian died and is raised to new life...therefore live as who you are (vs. 7)
- Sin must be put to death because it lies about who God is
 - Sexual Immorality says God is an adulterer
 - Impurity says God is not Holy
 - Passion/Evil Desires says God has an affection for things of death
 - Covetousness says that God is not enough...and He is an idolater
 - Anger says God is easily upset about things that are personal preferences not righteousness
 - Wrath lashed out by us says God's wrath is secondary to our own desires to inflict wrath
 - Malice says that God attempts to afflict harm on people in unrighteous ways
 - Slander says that God is about destroying people with words
 - Using obscene language says that God uses impure words to communicate
 - Lying says that God is a liar
- It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming (vs. 6)
 - John 3.36 says wrath remains on those who have not trusted Christ as their substitute
 - God must punish sin otherwise He is not Just and if He is not Just He cannot be Holy

II. Kill sin by Grace through Faith in obedience

- Obeying rules cannot kill sin (2.23)
- In light of our union with Christ we have been given adoption with Christ (3.1, 4)
 - We entered into this relationship by Grace through Faith
 - It is this same way that sin will be killed
- Our obedience is a manifestation of our trusting in Christ
 - The thing that is killing the sin, though, is our trust to obey
 - That power comes from within us by the power of the Spirit

III. Put on Christ who is life (vs. 4, 10-11)

- We often think in terms of only "putting off" or stop sinning
 - But we rarely think about "putting on" the new self
- The putting on of the new self is the active trusting in Christ who is our life

- In doing so, we complete the sanctification process which is the “renewing of the new self”
 - That is: Our old self was destroyed
 - The new self is “being renewed”
 - We are positionally justified, but we are in the process of being sanctified
 - We do not attempt to reform the old, but to live in the new
- The New Self is the way the world was supposed to be...it is what we all long for

Questions

Discussion Starter: How do you think most around you (redeemed or unredeemed) would describe the Christian life?

1. What significance does the “therefore” have in vs. 5?
2. Why does the role of understanding why God calls sin so important in the fight to kill sin?
3. Discuss with specifics how the various sins listed rebel against God by displaying a distortion of Him to His world. How does that help you kill sin?
4. Where does the power to kill sin come from?
5. How do we go about killing sin?
6. Why is the putting off of sin display a “black and white” picture of the Christian life?
7. How does “putting on” bring “color and taste” to the Christian life?
8. Where do you find encouragement to delight in the supremacy of Christ in the day to day in these verses?

Accountability Question: Begin to apply the “why” behind your putting off of sin and putting on of righteousness would be helpful given the sin in your life.