

Colossians 3:8-11 - “Put Away Social Sins” Study Guide

Passage Outline

Put away social sins in 3 aspects:

1.

Their Core: Hatred v. 8

8 But now you must put them all away:

anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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Their Expression: Lies vv. 9-10

9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that

you have put off the old self

with its practices

10 and have put on the new self,

which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.

1.

Their Effects: Superficial Distinctions v. 11

11 Here there is not

Greek and Jew,

circumcised and uncircumcised,

barbarian, Scythian,

slave, free;

but Christ is all, and in all.

For Discussion

1.

To what period of a Christian's life do the words "**But now**" in v. 8 refer? (When does it start?) What should be the characteristics of that period?

2.

In view of Paul's words "**put them all away**," is it right to tell yourself "Everyone gets angry sometimes" in order to excuse your anger? Consider Philippians 2:14. How about to excuse someone else's anger? Consider Col. 3:13.

3.

In what ways is each vice listed in v. 8 contrary to the believer's new life?

4.

What are some differences between righteous and unrighteous anger? Consider Ps. 139:21; Eph. 4:26-27.

5.

Umberto Eco says the difference between slander and satire is that satire is ultimately in jest, and slander is not. What are some subtle forms of slander we should watch out to avoid?

6.

What are the effects of telling a lie? Of telling the truth?
Consider 1 Cor. 5:8; Eph. 4:25.

7.

What are the immutable aspects of the image of God?
Consider Gen. 1:26-28, 9:6; James 3:9.

8.

What are the mutable aspects of the image of God? Consider
v. 10; Eph. 4:24.

9.

What are some of the ways the book of Colossians teaches
we are now being “[renewed in knowledge](#)?”

10.

In what ways are the social distinctions listed in v. 11
effects of social sins? In what ways does salvation
reverse these effects, and remove these distinctions?

11.

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What does Paul mean that “Christ is all, and in all?”