

Rooted in Christ
10. A new wardrobe (Colossians 3v5-14)

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Introduction

- Old and new
- Paul's point: **lifestyle** flows out of **identity** (c.f. 3v1-4)

The practice – Christian lifestyle

- What we're to put off (v5, 8-9)
 - Sexual impurity
 - Sinful speech
- What we're to put on (v12-14)

The motivation – Christian identity

- Who we are "*in Christ*"
 - A new person (v6-7, 9-10)

 - A new community (v11-12)

Application

Bible references: Col. 1:10

Colossians 3v1-14 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips.

⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.