“Reality of Personal Transformation In the Christian Life” Part Two

Colossians 3:5-11 Sunday February 25, 2024

## INTRODUCTION READ Colossians 3:1-24 [Pew Bible pg. 925]

Responsibility of Spiritual Formation in the Christian Life 3:1-4

In Christ Looking Up and In Christ Laying Aside vv. 5, 8-9

 In Christ Putting On vv. 12, 15-17

We as Christians ought to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus in all things [1:10] because He is above all things and over all [1:15-20]. We as Christians are to walk in Him [2:6] and do all things in Him and for Him [3:17] because Christ is our life [3:4]. So two commands in verses five to eight . . . And therefore such changes in verses nine to eleven . . . Sanctification

1. Personal Transformation Requires Putting To Death Certain Sins

Requirements of Dealing Completely With These Sins 3:5-7

 You Need To Stop These All In Everyway

1. Personal Transformation Means Laying Aside Specific Sins 3:8

 Requirements of Putting Away All of Them Sins 3:8a

 You Must Put Them All Away

1. This Transformation Means Being A New Person in Christ 3:9-10a

 Those Who Are CONVERTED Have Life in Christ

1. Speaking Honestly Telling Others The Truth 3:9a

“Do not lie to one another . . .” involves more than simply telling what is not true, for this could occur without deception. This word involves not only the communication of a falsehood but also the intent to deceive.”

 Requirements of Holding To Truth and Not Lies matters of confession

 “as Christians we must be truthful . . .”

1. Having Already Taking Off The Old & Putting On The New 3:9b

 “ . . . since you put off the old man with its *evil* practices . . .”

 cf. 2:11 READ Ephesians 4:22-24

 the old self is not converted and not changed

 lists of sins of loved self [v.5] and wicked hate [v.8]

 “. . . and have put on the new man who is being renewed . . .”

 both negative and positive for life in Christ

1. This Transformation Means Being Renewed in Christ 3:10b-11

 Those Who Are CHANGED Manifest Life in Christ

1. Being Presently Renewed As The Work of God 3:10b

“ . . . who is being renewed . . .” Present Passive Participle

 “to cause a change ‘to renew, to restore” character and behavior

 constantly and presently renewed 2 Corinthians 4:16

 noun form of this word in Romans 12:2 and Titus 3:5

 matters of sanctification

1. Being Personally Renewed To The Image of Christ 3:10b

 “to a full knowledge according to the image of the One who

 created him”—see Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:28

 holiness, godliness, and righteousness of Christ

 not just good works but the true knowledge in His image

think about all that we have learned together in these first three chapters of Colossians, and all of the knowledge revealed to us in these teachings about the sufficiency of Christ in the Christian life . . . READ 2:6-7

1. Being Positionally Renewed for Christ Is All and In All 3:11

 *“. . . a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between . . .”*

 ethnic, cultural, and social distinctions and difference among people

 Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised,

 barbarian, Scythian, slave, *and* freeman,

 but Christ is all and in all.

CONCLUSION Being A New Person In Christ & Being Renewed In Christ

1. Being A Person Who Speaks Truth with Others and about Others
2. Being renewed in Christ making what is new more and more my identity
3. Reject worldly divisions in the church as those who are all in Christ
4. More personal holiness, godliness, and righteousness in Christ
5. Showing More of Christ in You and Seeing More of Christ through You