## Colossians 3:8-11

The Old and The New

The life of the old man (vv. 8-9)

The life of the new man (vv. 10-11)

## **Application of Colossians 3:8-11**

- 1. Do you struggle with anger? If so, 1) repent and 2) read and pray through Eph 4:31-32 which provides a list of actions to replace anger with (see also James 1:19-20; Col 3:12-14; Gal 5:19-23)
- 2. Do you struggle with ungodly speech e.g. swearing, inappropriate jokes, putting people down, complaining? If so, 1) repent and 2) read and pray through Eph 4:29; 5:4, asking God to help you be thankful and encouraging.
- 3. Do you struggle with lying, including: white lies, exaggeration, cheating, or just not saying anything so people are deceived? If so, 1) repent and 2) read and pray through Eph 4:25, asking God to help you be honest and true.
- 4. Having put on the new self (salvation) we are being renewed and growing in full knowledge, so that we are becoming more like Christ. What role in this process is our responsibility and how can we achieve this? See Rom 12:2; Phil 2:12-13
- 5. Prayerfully read through Col 3:11; Gal 3:28; Eph 2:11-22; James 2:1. What is your perspective on other believers that are different than you? Do you have any prejudice toward other believers because of their skin colour, nationality, social status, financial wellbeing, gender, vaccine status, etc? If God convicts you of such prejudice, repent and ask Him for His perspective as described in the verses above.
- 6. What steps may you (or even we as a church) be able to take (or take in the future) to develop church unity within a diverse group of believers? Note: This is not promoting a 'woke' approach that increases or decreases the value of any individual, but recognizing them as all equal in God's eyes.
- 7. Take some time to thank God for the Gospel that has broken all the barriers of society down, has freed you from the old man and given you a new self to live for the glory of God.

Reading this week: Read through Col 3:5-17

## **Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)**

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