

Keep Christ First in Your Lifestyle

Colossians 3:5-10

The power of the Christian life is Christ's resurrection life IN YOU! (1:27; 2:13; 3:10)

1. New life was God's grand mystery. (1:27)
2. New life includes your glorious position based on Christ's resurrection life. (2:13)
3. You must grow into your new identity in Christ. (3:10)

Living out of your new identity means that you must put off your old godless lifestyle (vs. 5, 8, 9b)

1. Put to death the sins of the flesh. (vs. 5)
2. Rid yourself of the sins that destroy relationships (vs. 8-9)

Two reasons to keep your life pure (vs. 6-7)

1. Since God will judge sins of unbelievers, it is hypocritical for us to do the same evil things.
2. Our old sinful life is inconsistent with our new identity in Christ.

Conclusion: Seven Steps in the direction of a Christ-first Life

1. Actively cultivate a life of holiness (Galatians 6:7-8)
2. Admit your struggle with sin (Romans 7:21-23)
3. Confess your sins quickly (1 John 1:9)
4. Get to know your new identity in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
5. Surrender the members of your body to God (Romans 6:13-14)
6. Focus your thoughts (Colossians 3:2)
7. Memorize Scripture (Psalm 119:11)