

## **Colossians 3:5-9**

### **Death to Sin**

Introduction:

Our Confession of Faith at Westminster meeting in 1643 finished its final draft in 1647 writing out the whole frame work of Christian doctrine and Theology. Sanctification: Sec. II. "This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abideth still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

Sec. III. In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome, and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in fear of God."

This section in Colossians Paul explains to us rudiments of the sins of the flesh and the explicit command to overcome these sins by putting them aside and putting on the new man by the Spirit of Christ.

#### **I. Perverted Love v.5-7**

##### **A. The practical nature of killing sin**

1. Heidelberg Catechism
2. Sanctification is progressive in nature – 3:10; Phil. 1:6; 3:12
3. Not Asceticism – Matt. 5:29

##### **B. Personal Sins –v. 5**

1. Immorality – pornea refers to all sorts of sexual sins
2. Illicit sex, prostitution, and fornication – Acts 15; **Turn To: I Thess. 4:2-8**; Heb. 13:4
3. The problem with sexual sins, it affects both body and soul. Turn To: I Corinthians 6:12-20 (Sexual transmitted diseases)

##### **C. Greed – the root meaning “to have more”**

1. All of the sins in v.5 culminate in the worship of self (idolatry) – Eph.5:5

##### **D. Reasons why we are to put these sins to death:**

1. Because God’s wrath will ultimately fall upon those who practice these sins – v.6 Rom1:18; I Thess. 5:9
2. Because these sins were a part of the believers life to variant degrees Eh. 2:1-5, (Spurgeon, MacArthur)

#### **II. Wicked Hate**

##### **A. Social life of the Christians – v.8**

1. Strong negatives: two imperatives “put them aside” and “Stop lying”!
2. Encumbrances of the flesh – Heb. 12:1

##### **B. Lists of sins:**

1. Uncontrolled versus righteous anger - Malachi 3:2,3
2. Slander –a false report against a person’s good name. (Blasphemy)
3. Lying – Satan the originator – John 8:44; Rom. 3:4

#### **Finally:**

We must all examine our hearts and confess our sins. Ask the Lord for forgiveness and renew our fellowship with Him. I John 1:9, 10 Both personal and public sins must be put to death

