

Series Title:

*God's Goals for You This Hour, This Day,
This Year. . .*

Colossians 3:1-17

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29a).

Goal #1: Be Mindful of Who You Are
in Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

Goal #2: Don't Be Who You Are
Apart from Christ (Part 1)

Colossians 3:5-11

Goal #2: Don't Be Who You Are
Apart from Christ (Part 2)

Colossians 3:5-11

I. God calls us to understand who we are in
Christ. (v.1a)

II. The way to avoid being who you are apart from Christ.

Paul describes himself apart from Christ:

*For I know that nothing good dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh. (Rom.7:18)*

Only Christ can deliver us from the power of our sinful nature:

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Rom7:24-25)

A. You must kill sin (v.5).

*Put to death therefore what is earthly in
you (v.5)*

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*I made a covenant with my eyes not to look
lustfully at a young woman. (Job 31:1)*

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil.4:8)

B. You must remove sin (vv.8-9a)

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But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another (vv.8-9a).

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*On account of these the wrath of God is
coming. (v.6)*

“Although God's wrath does not contain the sinful emotions associated with human wrath, it does contain a fierce intensity arising from His settled opposition to sin and His determination to punish it to the utmost. God, by the very perfection of His moral nature, cannot but be angry at sin – not only because of its destructiveness to humans, but, more important, because of its assault on His divine majesty and authority.”

– Jerry Bridges

“God’s wrath is an expression of his goodness. Humans who are not angry at injustice, cruelty, and corruption cannot be thoroughly good persons. If God is holy, God cannot tolerate willful transgression, indifference to moral law, or the abuse of others.”

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26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

“Sin is like cancer that grows out of control and destroys other healthy parts of ourselves.

Like cancer, sin carries with it its own destructive force. It is something that ruins lives. It distorts and destroys our human relationships as well as our relationship with God.”

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2. God's wrath is experienced in the form of God's judgment and condemnation to eternal hell.

For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (1 Peter 4:3-5)

In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. (Col.3:7)

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. . . you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (vv.9-10)