

DAILY MEDITATIONS

This week's memory verse: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

MONDAY

Read Col. 3:5-10, and a parallel passage, Eph. 2:3-5. Why are you told to put away the practices in these verses? How have you seen growth in your own life in these areas in the past year? Thank God today for strengthening you to change the practices of your old life. Ask Him for perseverance to put on the "new self".

TUESDAY

Read Eph. 1:3-14 and Col. 3:9-12. According to these verses, what is your identity in Christ? How can believing this impact your life on a daily basis? Thank God today for the riches He has lavished on you as His child. Spend time thinking about your true identity in Christ!

WEDNESDAY

Read Col. 3:12-14. These verses paint a picture of what God is developing in your life! Read through these verses again, and in prayer, ask God to develop each of these virtues in you.

THURSDAY

Read Col. 3:16 and 2 Tim. 3:16-17. What benefits of allowing the word to "dwell in you richly" have you seen in your life? How can you "soak" in God's word more? Thank God today for giving you His word to teach and encourage you.

FRIDAY

Read Col. 3:15 and 17. How can refocusing on thankfulness totally change your life? How does thankfulness help you to be satisfied?

Make a list of the things you have to be thankful for today! Thank God for the things on your list! Thank Him for His continued goodness in your life.

SATURDAY

Read Col. 3:18-25 to get ready for this weekend's message. Please remember to keep the services in prayer.

FOCUSED

ON TRANSFORMATION

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Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other... Colossians 3:5-9a

Yes, but how?

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR IS OFTEN ROOTED IN:

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SO HOW DO I CHANGE MY LIFE?

1. _____

... you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the **new self**, which is **being renewed** in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Col. 1:9b,10

Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but **Christ is all, and is in all**. Therefore, as God's **chosen** people, **holy** and **dearly loved**... Col. 3:11,12a

Key question: Where do I find my _____?

2. _____

... clothe yourselves with **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**. **Bear with** each other and **forgive** whatever grievances you may have against one another. **Forgive as the Lord forgave you**. Col. 3:12b-13

And over all these virtues put on **love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. Col. 3:14-15a

3. _____

And be **thankful**... sing...with **gratitude** in your hearts to God. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him. Col. 3:15b,16b,17

4. _____

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you **teach** and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you **sing** psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Col. 3:16

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Come soak in the goodness of God through singing and encouragment!



**AUGUST 11/12
REGULAR
SERVICE TIMES:
SAT 6PM
SUN 9 & 10:45AM**