

# COLOSSIANS

A STUDY THROUGH PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

## WEEK 7

Colossians 3:1-17

## THE NEW SELF

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### **MAIN TEXT:** Colossians 3:1-17

#### **WORD OF GOD:** *What is this text saying?*

1. Do some comparison of the two lists of things to “put to death” (v.5) and the things to “put on” (v.12).
2. Chapter 3 seems to be a move from the initial call of the Colossians to faithfulness to Christ (2:6-7), and then to the sufficiency in Christ (2:8-23), and finally to a reorientation of Christian living. Why do you think Paul waits so long in this letter to move to the practical “how-to” of this stuff?

#### **WORSHIP OF GOD:** *How does this text affect my relationship with God?*

1. What practical steps does Paul give the Colossians for how they might “put on” these things?
2. Which of the character traits in verses 12-15 do you sense God developing in your life most recently? How has that been?

#### **COMMUNITY OF GOD:** *How does this text affect our relationships with each other?*

1. What does verse 16 teach us about how to do community?
2. Most of these commands are concerning the community (ex. “Do not lie to one another” v.9). Why do you think Paul would be so concerned with personal holiness in light of the community?

#### **MISSION OF GOD:** *What action steps are needed in response to this text?*

1. What does verse 11 mean for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century when it comes to joining on the mission of God?

