

COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON

Things to Put Off

Col. 3:5-11

Lesson 7

- Intro.
1. Most of the epistles may be divided into "doctrinal" and "practical" divisions. Where does this change come in Romans? Galatians? Ephesians?
 2. Without the **doctrine** there is no authority behind the **practical**. One reason the practical teaching of the New Testament seems so impractical to the world is that they have not yet comprehended the doctrine of the New Testament. This enforces the need for doctrinal study.
 3. We have come to the practical section of Colossians. What considerations in 3:1-4 lead into it?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

I. "**Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth**" (vs. 5) -- Personal Immorality

Define: (Consulting other translations will often be useful in finding synonyms.)

1. Fornication
2. Uncleaness
3. Passion
4. Evil Desire
5. Covetousness

II. Reasons for putting these things off:

1. Vs. 3
2. Vs. 4-5
3. Vs. 6
4. Vs. 7, 9-10

III. Also Put Off Unloving Behavior toward others (vss. 8-9). Define the following:

1. Anger
2. Wrath
3. Malice
4. Blasphemy
5. Filthy language
6. What other behavior is unbecoming between members of the body of Christ (9)?

IV. The New Man (vss. 9b-11)

1. What is the "new man" we have put on (*cf.* Gal. 3:27-28)?
2. In whose image are we created as we are renewed in knowledge (*cf.* II Cor. 3:18)?
3. Is there room for class distinction in Christ?
4. Why?

Make some practical applications of this.