

## **Colossians 3.5-9 – Mortification of the Old Self!**

### **The Wrath of God is Coming (v. 6)**

- 1. We Need This Warning To Escape It**
  - a. 1 Corinthians 6.9-10
  - b. Ephesians 5.5-6
  - c. The Wrath of God is For Those Who Practice Sin
- 2. This Warning Is For Believers**
- 3. Wrath Is Part Of The Character Of God**
  - a. John 3.36
  - b. Revelation 6.16-17
  - c. Revelation 19.15
- 4. Wrath Is Love For Holiness, Truth, Justice, Purity, Peace, And Perfection**

“Would a God who took as much pleasure in evil as He did in good be a good God? Would a God who did not react adversely to evil in His world be morally perfect? Surely not. But it is precisely this adverse reaction to evil, which is a necessary part of moral perfection, that the Bible has in view when it speaks of God’s wrath.” – J.I. Packer, *Knowing God* pp. 136-37

- 5. Sin Is An Attack On God, Therefore God Acts Toward Sin In Wrath (Col 3.5-6 and Rev 21.8)**
- 6. Those Who Dwell In Sin Have Minds At Enmity With God (Rom 8.7)**

### **The Vice List (vv. 5-6, 8-9)**

- 1. Earthly = Worldly**
- 2. We Are All Guilty Of Such Sins**
  - a. Ephesians 2.1-2
  - b. Colossians 3.7
- 3. Sinners Still Walk In These Sins**
- 4. Sin = Hallmark of Unbelief**
- 5. Paul Begins With The Private And Moves To The Public**
- 6. From Deeds To The Heart Motivations**

## **7. Paul’s Attitude Toward Sin Versus The World’s**

### **Two Errors Regarding The Commands OF Scripture**

- 1. Moralism – Be good, be nice; if you are God will bless you**
- 2. Libertinism – Liberty and Freedom to do what we want regardless of the commands of Christ (I am in Christ so I can do whatever I want)**
- 3. Gospel – You are saved, therefore you are free to joyfully obey the Lord**

### **Two Commands Regarding Sin (vv. 5a, 8a, 9b)**

- 1. Slay Sin (verse 5a)**

“Be Killing Sin, Or It Will Be Killing You.” – John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*, p. 12

- a. You died with Christ (verses 1-4), therefore Put to Death Sin
  - b. Walk With Christ = Live Out Reality He Is Your Life
  - c. Do Not Be Passive In Killing Sin
- 2. Strip Sin (verses 8a, 9b)**

### **Killing and Stripping Sin Is Work Done In/By The Spirit (Romans 8.13)**

- 1. Admit/Confess Your Sin To The Lord (Rom 8.26-27)**
- 2. Remember the Gospel (Col 3.1-4)**
- 3. Remember Who You In Christ (Col 3.9-10)**
- 4. Act Decisively To Grow Into Mature Faith**
- 5. Take Up The Sword of the Spirit To Battle Sin (Eph 6.17, Gal 3.5)**
- 6. Cultivate Righteousness, Good Works and Godly Virtue (Col 3.10-17 → Next Week)**