

Healthy Church with Healthy Families “The Renewal Process” Colossians 3:5-11

We’re entering into a new phase of our journey as a church. This new phase focuses on becoming a healthy church with healthy families. How do we do that? A new perspective is needed. New skills are needed. A clear renewal process is needed. Let’s concentrate our attention this morning on the renewal process found in Colossians 3:5-11.

1. Remember _____.
(Colossians 3:9-11)

2. Abandon _____.
(Colossians 3:5-9)

Day by Day in the Word

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlike-ness. “Day by Day in the Word” is a tool to help bring this about.

Monday-Tuesday

- Using Colossians 3:1-11, describe what took place when you became a Christian and how this connects with the death and resurrection of Christ. If you need help, use a good Bible Dictionary or a Study Bible.
- Nail down a clear definition of “old self” and “new self” and what happened when you became a Christian. See Colossians 3:9-10.
- Why is it important for us to return to our conversion and see it as a stepping stone to moving forward and becoming more like Jesus? Share with someone how this perspective helps you.

Wednesday-Thursday

- In Colossians 3:5-9 Paul lists a number of sexual sins and sins of anger. Why do you think Paul included these particular sins? To what extent are they still a problem in the church today?
- From the following passages identify other vices that are to be avoided: Mark 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 12:20-21; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3, 5; 1 Timothy 1:9-10; 2 Timothy 3:2-5. Identify one you need to work on.
- What are the two commands in Colossians 3:5, 8? How could you obey these practically? Share with someone what you’re doing and celebrate the changes that come about.

Friday-Saturday

- In Colossians 3:5 “greed” is identified as “idolatry.” Develop a clear definition of both terms within the context of sexual sins. In what way is greed a form of idolatry? What does it look like today?
- Spend time in Ephesians 4:29. Identify the negative command, the positive command, and the motivation. Ask the Spirit of God where you can put this into practice and ask God for help.