

PUTTING OUR SIN TO DEATH Colossians 3:5-11

“Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

— John Owen, The Mortification of Sin

1. Colossians 3:5-7 **Killing Sins that Dethrone God**

- What must we do?

- What must we destroy?

- How can we do it?

2. Colossians 3:8-11 Killing Sins that Destroy Community

- What must we do?

- What must we destroy?

- How can we do it?

Small Group Homework

I. Getting to Know You

1. What would be your perfect vacation?

II. Into the Bible

2. Instead of Paul's list of specific sins, in 1 John 2:15-17 John tells we are not to love the world. He describes three categories that the things of the world fall into. Discuss with your group how the specific sins fit into one (or more) of those categories.

3. In Romans 13:11-14, Paul uses another picture of putting away sin. How does taking off the works of darkness and putting on the armor of light fit with the way Paul describes dealing with sin in Colossians?

III. Application

4. Ephesians 4:17-32 is a very close parallel of our Colossians passage for this week, written from prison at about the same time. In verses 25-32, Paul lists some sins, followed immediately by right behavior that we should follow to escape that sin. Talk about some specific examples of righteous behavior that would keep you from falling into the sins that we find in Colossians 3.

5. What sin do you struggle with? Discuss ways the group can help each of you in the struggle.

IV. For Families

6. Proverbs 4 is a whole chapter of teaching that parents can pass on to their children about wise living the way God calls us to. Read the chapter through with your children several times this week. Share with your children how you walk wisely. Give them a chance to share how they obey God in their lives.