

## The Book of Colossians

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## Morning Devotions

Starting this morning, we will be weaning you from a *regulated* morning devotions. But we encourage you to maintain the same set appointment with the Lord each morning. At the beginning, we recommend that you choose one of the following books as your devotional point of contact with the Lord: **Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah** or **Jeremiah**. Talk with the Lord as you read a particular passage, and meditate on the verses he is using to speak to you.

## Morning Study

This morning we are going to look at the fourth section of Colossians – **3:1-17** – which divides into two subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

### Read Colossians 3:1-10

- What should your heart and mind be set on since you have been raised to new life with Christ? And what shouldn't they be set on? (**3:1-2**).
- In the light of **3:3** (note also **2:20**), why does Paul say “put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature”? (**3:5**).
- In **3:9-10**, what does Paul say that, in Christ, you have taken off? And what have you put on?
- In **3:5-9**, what are the eleven examples Paul gives of the old self's lifestyle that you are now to “put to death” and “rid yourself of.”
- What is your new self being renewed in? (**3:10**).

### Read Colossians 3:11-17

- What barriers have been broken down in Christ? (**3:11**).
- List the “clothes” of the new self you are to put on (**3:12-13**).
- What is the final piece of clothing you are to put on to cover them all (**3:14**).
- In your relationships with others, what does Paul say is to rule your heart? (**3:15**).
- In every expression of ministry to one another, what is to “dwell in us richly,” and what is to be your attitude in whatever you do? (**3:16-17**).

# MEMORY VERSE

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:9-10

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!