

## How do we deal with sin?

### A. Run from evil.

**Romans 13:14** "... Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

**Ephesians 5:11** "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."

### B. Remember the discipline of the Lord.

**Psalms 32:3** "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>[4]</sup> "For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer."

**Hebrews 12:10b** "... God disciplines us for our good that we may share in His holiness."

### C. Repent and do what is right.

**Psalms 32:5** "Then I acknowledge my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" – the guilt of my sin."

**Proverbs 28:13** "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

### D. Return to serving the Lord.

### E. Rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness.

**Psalms 32:1** "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>[2]</sup> Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit."

## Live for the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Colossians 3:5-10**

**Lesson #11**

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### I. Paul reviewed a list of sensual sins we should avoid.

**\*\*Colossians 3:5** "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."

#### A. We should avoid sexual immorality.

**I Corinthians 6:18** "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside the body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body."

**Ephesians 5:3** "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed because these are improper for God's holy people."

#### B. We should eliminate all impurity.

**\*\*Colossians 3:5b** "..., impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."

**Matthew 5:28** "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

**Mark 7:21** "For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>[22]</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>[23]</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean."

#### C. We should stay away from lustful passion.

**\*\*Colossians 3:5b** "... immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."

**I Thessalonians 4:4** "That each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable. <sup>[5]</sup> Not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God."

#### D. We should not give into the evil desires of our heart.

**\*\*Colossians 3:5b** "... immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."

### **E. We should do away with the sin of greed.**

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**Exodus 20:17** "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

## **II. Paul relayed two reasons for avoiding these sins.**

### **A. These sins will bring God's powerful wrath on a person's life.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:6** "Because of these, the wrath of God is coming."

**John 3:36** "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

### **B. These sins should be a thing of the past for the child of God.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:7** "You used to walk in these ways in the life you once lived."

**Philippians 1:21** "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

## **III. Paul reminded these believers of other sins to avoid.**

### **A. We should discard anger.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:8** "But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

**James 1:19b** "... slow to become angry ...."

**James 1:20** "For man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."

**Ephesians 4:31** "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."

### **B. We should get rid of rage.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:8b** "... anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

### **C. We should remove malice.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:8b** "...anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

### **D. We should eliminate slander.**

**Ephesians 4:31a** "Get rid of ... slander ...."

**Job 1:9** "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

**Job 2:5** "But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

**Revelation 12:10b** "... for the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night has been hurled down."

**James 3:9** "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>[10]</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be."

### **E. We should stop the use of filthy language.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:8b** "... anger, rage, malice slander, and filthy language from your lips."

**Ephesians 4:29** "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

**Matthew 12:36** "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken, and by your words you will be condemned."

### **F. We should get rid of lies.**

**\*\*Colossians 3:9** "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices."

**Ephesians 4:25** "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

**\*\*Colossians 3:10** "And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."