

Colossians 3:1-17.

Old Life / New Life / in Christ.

When have you been influenced by someone else (for good or bad)? What difference did it make?

Read Colossians 3:1-4.

1. What is the state of those who've trusted in Jesus (1)?
2. What does Paul call them to do in light of their new state (1-2)?
3. Where (when) is "death" for the Christian (3)?
4. Where is "life" for the Christian (4)?

Read Colossians 3:5-11.

5. How is pre-Christian life different to Christian life (7)?
6. What is the result of the "old" kind of life (6)?

7. Verses 5 and 8-9 have a list of sins. We know they're "bad", but whereabouts might they creep into our world?

8. Looking at verse 11, what is the importance of racial / tribal identity in the Christian Community?

Read Colossians 3:12-17.

9. How should Christians treat one another (12-13)?

10. What is the 'glue' that holds everything together (14)?

11. What should our behaviour focus on (17)?

12. These verses assume that Christians are part of community: but what kind of things does the Christian community *do*?

Give thanks and pray.

Thank God for the new life we have in Christ. Pray that we might "put to death" the things that belong to the old self.