

Sermon: How to Live from the Fullness of Christ
Series: *The Fullness of Christ*

Scripture: Colossians 3:5-17.
Date: April 11, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Share your observations about God from this passage. How does he relate to us according to this passage?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Share your observation from the text about how we are called to respond to God from this passage.

b) Paul lists two categories of sin in this passage: sexual sin and anger. For each he walks us through the progression of the sin – can you identify this progression in your own heart and mind? Where? How does putting on love bring the cure for these two categories of sin?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Can you explain how Colossians 3:1-17 teaches us to “be what you are,” or “doing from being?” For each of these “doing” commands in the passage, what is the “being” truth behind it in this passage?

- Put to death what is earthly in you (v5).
- Put away anger...(v8).
- Put on then...compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience (v12).
- Put on love (v14)

Note: sometimes these things are called indicatives and imperatives. Indicatives tell us who we are and imperative tell us what to do. In the gospel the imperatives ALWAYS follow and are empowered by the indicatives.

APPLICATION

- a) How can you actively let the word of Christ dwell in your heart this week?
- b) Where can you actively let the peace of Christ rule in your heart this week?
- c) In what specific way can you actively put on love this week? (see also verse 12-13)
- d) How can you actively live in freedom this week (“whatever you do”).

FIGHTER VERSES: Colossians 3:1-4.

PRAYER

- Praise God for making you his chosen, holy, beloved child.
- Repent of any sins (sexual sins and anger sins) that you have failed to put to death in your heart.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to actively shine the light of the gospel of Christ into your heart as you let the word of Christ dwell in you, as you let the peace of Christ rule in you, and as you put on love.