Introduction

- Lesson text: Col. 3:5-9
- 1. In addition to those sins which we are to put to death (<u>Col. 3:5</u>), there are six others things that we must put off connected with the old man (<u>Col. 3:8-9</u>).

I. Put off Anger and Wrath (Col. 3:8)

- 1. Anger defined.
 - a. orge (G3709 noun) found 36 times in the New Testament. Most often translated as "wrath" (31 of 36 times).
- 2. Wrath defined.
 - a. thymos (G2372 noun) found 18 times in the New Testament. Most often translated as "wrath(s)" (15 of 18 times).
- 3. The difference between anger and wrath.
- 4. Why anger and wrath must be put off.
 - a. The wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God (Jm. 1:19-20).
 - b. Wrath condemns the soul to hell (Gal. 5:19-21).
- 5. How to put off anger and wrath.
 - a. Be slow to anger and wrath (Jm. 1:19).
 - b. If I become angry then I must ask myself as God did Jonah, "Doest thou well to be angry" (Jon. 4:4)?
 - c. Once I am angry I need to deal with it before it becomes sinful (<u>Eph.</u> 4:26).

II. Put off Malice (Col. 3:8)

- 1. Malice defined.
 - a. *kakia* (G2549 noun) found 11 times in the New Testament. Most often translated as "malice" (6 of 11 times).
- 2. Why malice must be put off.
 - a. Associated with so many other sinful behaviors which result only in death (<u>Tt. 3:3</u>; <u>Rm. 1:29-32</u>).
- 3. How to put off malice.
 - a. Get the Word in you (Jm. 1:21; 1 Pt. 2:1-3; 1 Cor. 14:20).

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- b. Be a servant of God (1 Pt. 2:15-16).
- c. As a child of God if we have malice we must repent and pray (Ac. 8:22-24).

III. Put off Wicked Words (Col. 3:8-9)

- 1. Blasphemy, filthy communication, and lying defined.
 - a. blasphemia (G988 noun) found 19 times in the New Testament. Most often translated as "blasphem(y)(ies)" (16 of 19 times).
 - b. aischrologia (G148 noun) found one time in the New Testament.
 - c. *pseudomai* (G5574 verb) found 12 times in the New Testament. Most often translated as "lie(d)" (11 of 12 times).
- 2. Why wicked words must be put off.
 - a. Aligns us with the devil (Jn. 8:44).
 - b. Wicked words only seek to degrade and tear down when our words must be used for good and building up (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6).
 - c. We are of the truth and not lies (<u>Jn. 18:37</u>; cf. <u>1 Jn. 3:19</u>).
- 3. How to put off wicked words.
 - a. Garbage in, garbage out. The Word in, the Word out (<u>Lk. 6:45</u>; <u>Ps. 119:11</u>; <u>Pr. 15:28</u>).
 - b. Control what you can with what you listen to and see (Ps. 101:3; Eph. 4:27).
 - c. Do not compromise with masked words such as euphemisms.

Conclusion

- 1. To be a Christian, we must put off the old man and put on the new man.
- 2. When we follow the necessary steps of salvation, the old man is crucified with Christ and we become a new creature (Rm. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- 3. Off with the old man and on with the new man!