

LIVING *changed* LIVES

Message 9 New Life

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2. New _____.
(Colossians 3:5. C/R: Romans 6:6,11-13; 12:1-2;
Ephesians 5:3-5; Hebrews 12:5-6)

► Outline

Today's message is based on Colossians 3:1-11.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ,...

Colossians 3:1a (NLT)

New life with Christ includes a...

1. New _____.
(Colossians 3:1b-4. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:17;
Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11)

3. New _____.
(Colossians 3:11. C/R 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians
3:26-28; Ephesians 2:13-16)

Answers: 1. focus 2. nature 3. status

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

When it comes to gardening or taking care of plants: a) I have a green thumb! b) Ugh, I kill everything; or c) I don't really care about gardening or taking care of plants.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 3:1-4](#).

1. These opening verses include beautiful and foundational truths for followers of Jesus. But what do you think each of the following statements really mean?
 - a. *You have been raised to new life with Christ.*
 - b. *Your real life is hidden with Christ.*
 - c. *You will share in all His glory.*
See also [1 John 3:2](#).
2. Why is it so important to set our hearts and minds on the realities of heaven ([vs. 1-2](#))? In very practical terms, what does this look like?
See also: [Matthew 6:19-24](#); [Luke 12:13-34](#); and [Philippians 3:12-14](#).

Read [Colossians 3:5-11](#).

3. List several of the *sinful, earthly things* mentioned in this passage. What attitudes or actions in your life need to be *put to death* so you can focus more on the things of God and less on the things of this world?
See also: [Proverbs 23:1-5](#); [17-21](#); [1 John 2:15-16](#).
4. How do we *put to death* our sinful nature? How does Paul describe the transformation process? See also: [Romans 8:5-11](#).
5. Reread [Colossians 1:9-12](#); [2:2-3](#); [3:9-10](#). How does knowledge help us battle against the sins mentioned in [vs. 5-9](#)?

6. If your spouse or a close friend was asked to name ways they see you becoming more like Jesus, what would they say ([vs. 10](#))?
7. The Bible doesn't speak about race, but about tribes and nations. Even though we all don't have the same skin color, we are all of *one blood* ([Acts 17:26-28](#)) and *one flesh* ([1 Corinthians 15:39-40](#)).
 - a. Do you feel that a particular racial, religious or ethnic group is inferior to you ([vs. 11](#))?
 - b. How does the message of Christ honor the dignity of all people?
8. In a sentence or two, how would you summarize the main point of this week's teaching?
9. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then thank God every day for new life.

New life in Christ means that I _____.

Memory Verse

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ...

[Colossians 3:1a \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 36:5-9](#)

Day 2: [Colossians 3:5-11](#)

Day 5: [Luke 9:23-25](#)

Day 3: [Romans 8:35-39](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 12, we'll continue our series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 3:12-17](#).

Why Jesus?

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

