

Colossians 3:5-11

Put Off

Live as if the hold that your _____ and _____ had over you is gone, because it is. (3:5-6)

What are one or two things in your life that need to die because you are already dead to them?

Leave things that look like the _____ in that past where they belong. (3:7-9)

What out fits from your old life would you include on this list of things that aren't a good look for you now that you're in Christ?

The new you comes from _____ and looks like _____. (3:10-11)

What distinctions might you be allowing to create separation between you and other believers that need to be washed away in the light of our shared new life in Christ?

We are not who we were. That person who lived out of their sinful passions and desires is dead and gone. This is an unseen reality that requires our faith in the power of God in order to be realized. This doesn't mean those passions and desires won't come, but we are those who don't live out of them. They're out of style for us.

While getting rid of things that look like the old us is important, it is only the precursor to what we're putting on: the life of Christ. A new life in which His character is our character, His thinking becomes our thinking, and His loving ways become our loving ways. As the church, this new life of Christ in us becomes the unifying reality that transcends all categories.