

# A Fight to the Death

Colossians 3:5-11

5. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
6. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
7. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
8. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.
9. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices
10. and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
11. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

## Two areas in which you must kill sin because of your union with Christ

### 1. Sins in your body

verses 5-7

### 2. Sins in Christ's body

verses 8-11

## Four “R”s on how to kill sin

1. Remember your union with Christ
2. Recognize your sin
3. Repent
4. Replace it with the right response

## Questions for Personal Reflection

5. Is my motivation for killing sin driven by my identity in Christ or my own efforts? In other words, am I setting my mind on the things that are above as the starting point for killing my sin?
6. Do I know what sins to which I am most prone? If so, what is my plan for killing it? If not, take time to figure it out and ask those who know me best for help.
7. Do I see my sin the way God sees it, as deserving of His wrath? Or do I downplay my sin in any way?
8. How does my new identity in Christ and God’s work of renewal (v 10) give me hope in the battle against my sin?
9. Will I be a unity builder? Or a unity breaker?