

Message Notes

Time to Go Hunting

Introduction – “Context is King”

Today’s Message:

The Rooted Life: Time to Go Hunting
Colossians 3:5-11

1. *Put to Death*
2. *What Paul is NOT saying*
3. *What am I to be killing*
4. *How do we kill it?*
5. *What else do we need to kill*
6. *Christ is all, and is in all.*

Gospel Application:

1. *In Christ you are, Seek him you must*
2. *Kill the sin in your life that Christ has already killed*
3. *Who can help you kill your sin?*

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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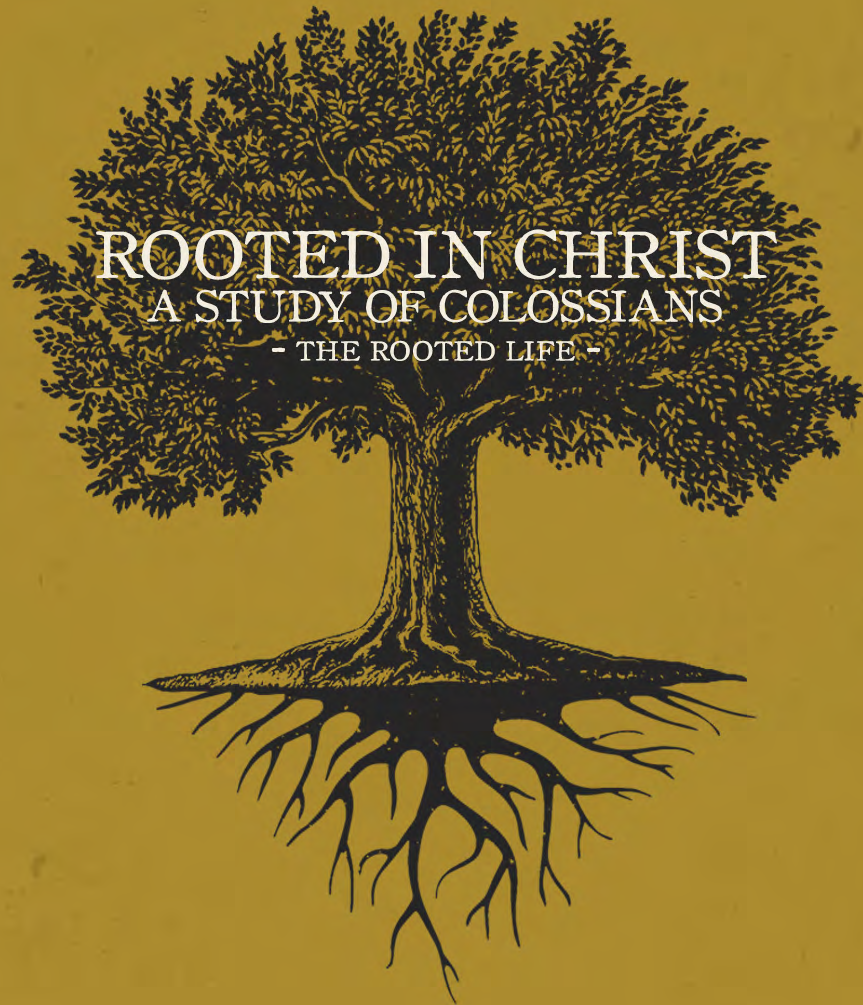
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~KJV

Colossians 2:16-19

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. 18 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. 19 They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Colossians 2:20-23

20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 21 “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining self indulgence.

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Paul calls believers to allow the things above, where Christ is, to direct their lives. These are the things that are ultimate and transcendent and contrast with the “philosophy’s” dependence on “the basic principles of this world” (2:8, 20), “human tradition” (2:8), and things “destined to perish with use” (2:22)...All of our lives should be ruled by Christ. Every thought, aim, value, aspiration, and striving should come under his lordship.



Garland, D. E. (1998). Colossians and Philemon (p. 201-202).
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If Yoda wrote the book of Colossians



“The Christian life is a process in which, through constant fellowship with the risen Christ and through the operation of his Spirit, the believer is transformed into his likeness, from one stage of glory to another (2 Cor. 3:18).”

G.B. Caird, Paul's Letters from Prison



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But this “putting to death” of sin is not only demanded by our incorporation into Christ; it is also empowered and effected by it. Union with Christ, because it puts us in a new relationship to sin and brings us into the sphere of the Spirit’s power, *will* impact the way we live. Ultimately, then, the imperative “put to death” in this verse must be viewed as a call to respond to, and cooperate with, the transformative power that is already operative within us.

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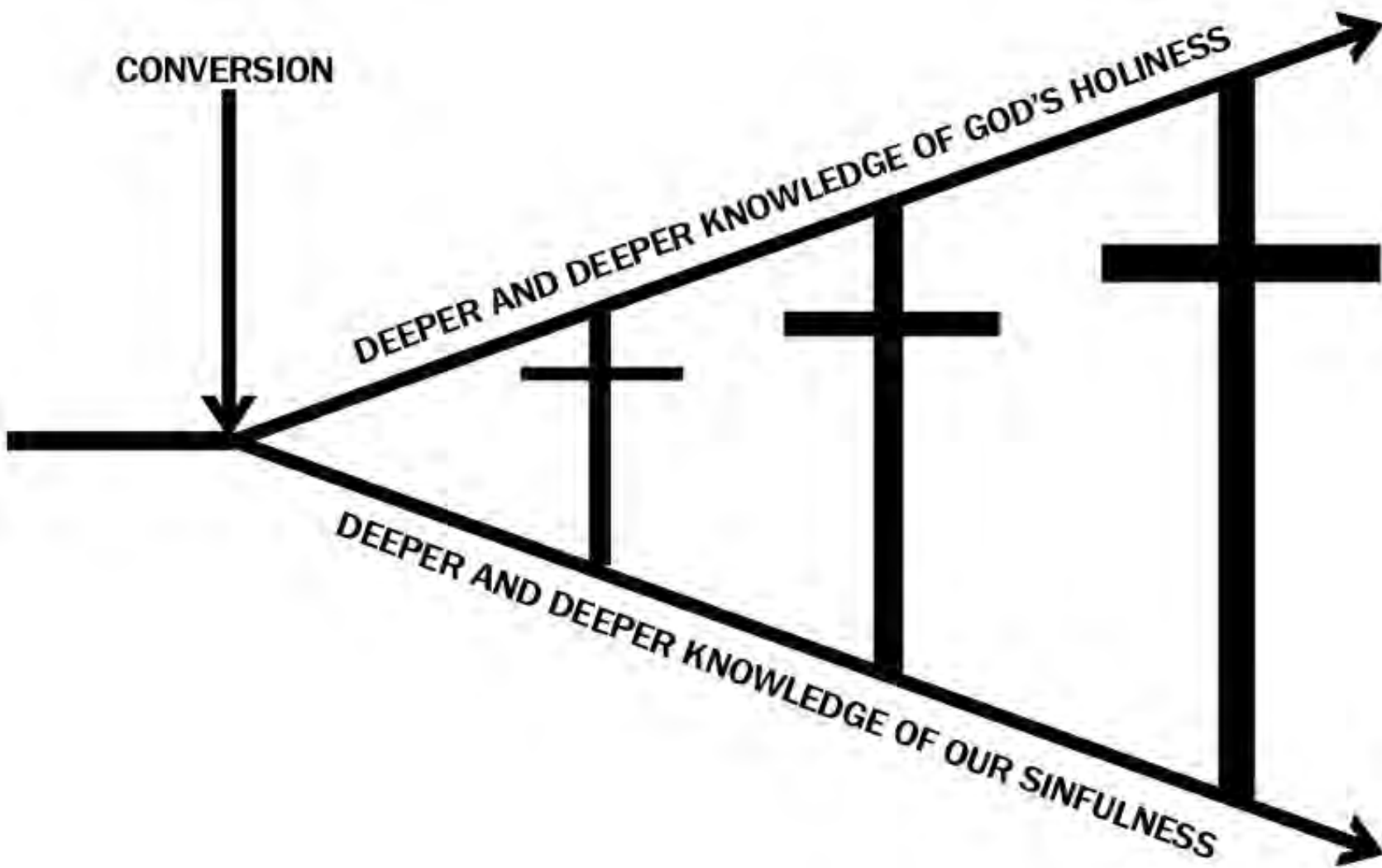
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CONVERSION

DEEPER AND DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S HOLINESS

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The believer is dead to the world with Christ (Chs. 2:20; 3:3), having put off the “flesh” in Him (Chs. 2:11; 3:9) and been liberated from sin (Rom. 6:6f., 11, 18, 22); on the other hand he is still in the world, with his old “flesh”, exposed to the temptations of sin. Hence this antinomy in the apostle’s thought-world; hence his transition back and forth between the indicative and imperative: “Be what you are!”⁴⁹

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2. What's Paul not saying

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“Reckon as dead things those ‘members’ of yours which partake of the nature of the old earthly life.” Paul is not talking here of the actual members of the human body, nor is he expressing himself in quite the same sense as Jesus intends where He says that the offending hand or foot should be cut off, or the offending eye plucked out, if entrance into life cannot otherwise be gained (Matt. 5:29f.; 18:8f.; Mark 9:43ff.).


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Vice lists in the New Testament often conclude with a reminder that God will judge the kind of conduct outlined in the list (e.g., Gal. 5:19–21; 1 Cor. 6:10–11; Eph. 5:3–6). They differ in this respect from their counterparts in the larger Greek world, which were concerned simply to foster moral improvement. In the New Testament, in contrast, the vice lists function to depict the lifestyle of people who are in enmity with the holy God of the Bible and who thus suffer eternal condemnation. The “vices” are therefore elevated to a whole new level of seriousness. The warning of judgment in this verse therefore underscores the need to take seriously the exhortation that Christians do away with such conduct.



Putting to death sins like those mentioned in v. 5 is vital because God will visit with his wrath those who continue to practice them. And putting to death sins like these is possible (even “natural”) because God has given his people, through his Spirit, a new power to conform their conduct to God’s holy demands.

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