

Shift Our Attention to the Things Above
Colossians 3:1-11/July 7, 2024
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- **IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST (v.1)**
 - Paul is writing directly to those who have already found life in Christ
 - The rest of this text is not meant to be a finger pointing to the world, but a mirror held up to ourselves (v.1-2, 5-11, Romans 7:14-19)
- **BE SATURATED WITH THE THINGS OF HEAVEN (v.2)**
 - We are sponges – we absorb our surroundings.
- **DON'T PLAY WITH POISON (v.5-9)**
 - Beau and his hospital visits
 - These sins are poison to our souls – put them to death!
 - Greek indicates decisive action. (Matthew 5:29-30)
- **STRIP OFF YOUR OLD, SINFUL NATURE (v.9)**
 - Strip off sexual that sin runs deep in the body of Christ (v.5)
 - Strip off the greed that robs us of contentment (v.5)
 - Strip off the poison of anger and rage hardens our hearts (v.8)
 - Strip off the filth that comes from our mouths (v.8-9, James 3:5-12)
- **WHAT GOES IN MUST COME OUT**
 - Back to sponges..
 - Sin...
 - Grows
 - Takes charge of your life
 - Moves from private to public
- **PUTTING ON THE NEW SELF IS A CONSTANT RENEWAL (v.10-11)**
 - Putting to death our sinful nature does not mean it never bubbles back up
 - Jesus is renewing us day by day – daily submission = crucifying the flesh daily (2 Corinthians 4:16, Galatians 2:20)