

Just Jesus: Preoccupied With Christ

(Colossians 3:1-10)

Introduction

- A) Conversations with preoccupied people.
- B) Contextualize this sermon in the series, “Just Jesus.”
- C) Contextualize Colossians 3:1-10.
Colossians 3:1 marks a shift in the focus. The author moves from a theological foundation to a practical call to obedience.

I. Principle: Preoccupation with Christ (3:1)

Principle: Until you are preoccupied with Christ, you will never be fully effective for the cause of Christ!

- A) The “Jesus plus something” Problem (2:16-19)
- B) The “Preoccupation” Challenge (3:1)
- C) The “Kingdom” Purpose

II. Plan: Disconnect From Hindrances (3:2-9)

Principle: To become effective for the cause of Christ, you must disconnect from what hinders you. The world saps a Christian’s spiritual power.

- A) Prioritize Christ (3:2-4)
- B) Put to death the flesh (3:5-7)
 - 1) Sexual Immorality refers to illicit sexual relations
 - 2) Impurity in any form, especially moral
 - 3) Lust means uncontrolled illegitimate desire.
 - 4) Evil Desire refers to any evil desire in a more general sense
 - 5) Greed is any materialistic desire that disregards the rights of others. It views other people and things as existing for one’s own benefit.
- C) Put away personal sin (3:8-9)
 - 1) Anger is a settled attitude of hostility (3:8)
 - 2) Wrath means verbal outburst of evil passion (3:8)

- 3) Malice is ill will (3:8)
- 4) Slander is insulting, injurious, malicious speech (3:8)
- 5) Abusive Speech is filthy, disgraceful, or dishonorable speech (3:8)
- 6) Lying is deceptive, distorting, untruthful speech (3:9)

III. The Process: Renewal of the Mind (3:10)

Principle: *Spiritual victory comes through the consist renewing of the heart and mind to the reality that “Just Jesus” is all we need.*

In order to remove burnt residue from a skillet, you can either scrub it or place it under running water. The running water flushing the residue from the skillet illustrates the cleansing affect of a constant “washing by the Word” in a person’s life.

A) The Means – “renew the mind”

B) The Model – “Jesus”

C) The Method – “the Word”

Conclusion