



Lesson Five = Jesus is First Because of His Cleansing

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TEXT: Colossians 3:1-17

Introduction: On Sunday nights we are doing a parallel study to the book of Ephesians (our Sunday morning series). The book of Ephesians explains how Jesus should be seen as our first love. The book of Colossians reveals why Jesus is first. In this lesson we will notice that Jesus is first because of His cleansing. Let's go back and notice the previous context (**Colossians 2:12-15**). Clearly Jesus died to take away some roadblocks. Now we have some choices to make. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. When We've Been Cleansed We Seek Things Above (3:1-4)

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| A. A Christian should seek salvation (v.1). | D. A Christian should not seek earthly things (v.2). |
| B. A Christian should seek heaven (v.1). | E. A Christian should seek life (v.3). |
| C. A Christian should seek the Lord (v.1). | F. A Christian should seek eternal glory (v.4). |

II. When We've Been Cleansed We Put Things Off (3:5-11)

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| A. A Christian should put off fornication (v.5). | I. A Christian should put off wrath (v.8). |
| B. A Christian should put off uncleanness (v.5). | J. A Christian should put off malice (v.8). |
| C. A Christian should put off passion (v.5). | K. A Christian should put off blasphemy (v.8). |
| D. A Christian should put off evil desire (v.5). | L. A Christian should put off filthy language (v.8). |
| E. A Christian should put off covetousness (v.5). | M. A Christian should put off lying (v.9). |
| F. A Christian should put off idolatry (v.5). | N. A Christian should put off worldliness (v.10). |
| G. A Christian should put off disobedience (vs.6-7). | O. A Christian should put off prejudices (v.11). |
| H. A Christian should put off anger (v.8). | |

III. When We've Been Cleansed We Put Things On (3:12-17)

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| A. A Christian should put on tender mercies (v.12). | H. A Christian should put on love (v.14). |
| B. A Christian should put on kindness (v.12). | I. A Christian should put on peace (v.15). |
| C. A Christian should put on humility (v.12). | J. A Christian should put on thankfulness (v.15). |
| D. A Christian should put on meekness (v.12). | K. A Christian should put on wisdom (v.16). |
| E. A Christian should put on longsuffering (v.12). | L. A Christian should put on heartfelt worship (v.16). |
| F. A Christian should put on forbearance (v.13). | M. A Christian should put on good works (v.17). |
| G. A Christian should put on forgiveness (v.13). | |

Conclusion: Jesus needs to be first in your life. He deserves to be first in your life. He wants to take an active role in your salvation and in your daily walk with God. He wants to give you freedom! Have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation? Will you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you committed your life to Him? Have you been cleansed by His precious blood? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you faithfully walking with Him and bearing fruit?