

## Colossians

### Lesson 5: Colossians 3:1-11

#### Review Questions

Take a few minutes to answer these questions to get your thought process started:

In the second half of Colossians 2 Paul describes some rather violent fates for certain social/religious/political institutions. What are they?

According to the end of Colossians 2, what role should religious rituals play in the life of the faithful, and why aren't the fast days cutting it?

What do you think that Paul's referring to when he speaks of "things above" (or whatever your translation offers) in Colossians 3:1-2?

Paul comes at us in 3:3-4 with another image for baptism (I think) and the life that follows baptism. What is it, and as you look forward to 3:5-9, how does it play into the ethical demands that the gospel puts on the Christian?

What sort of moral code do verses 3:5-9 set up, and why are the vices that he lists vicious for the Christian? If, as Paul insists, Christ and not our behavior puts us in good standing with God, why worry about all this morality stuff?

Colossians 3:9-10 gives us another image still of the change that baptism entails. What is it, and what does this image add to the mix?

Colossians 3:11 is one of Paul's great statements of "the new humanity" in Christ. How does it fit with Colossians 3:5-10, and why would these distinctions and those vice-lists fit together in Paul's mind?