



Living the New Life

[Colossians 3:1-17](#)

This passage is a plea for the believer in Christ to put away the things of earth (sinful behaviors), and fully concentrate on the things of heaven. Paul even goes as far to say that you have died to your sinful life, and your real life is now in Christ! *Verses 5-8* say to “put to death,” or to kill your sinful behaviors that you use to live in! Paul says now is the time to get rid of all sinful behavior. “Put on your new nature,” which is like your Creator.

Starting in *verse 12* Paul starts to describe the characteristics that should accompany a follower of Christ, such as merciful, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. One of my favorite verses in this chapter is *verse 13*. Paul says to “make allowance for each other’s fault, and forgive anyone who offends you.” Did you catch that? He basically says people are going to offend you! We should except this, and should be ready to forgive on the basis that in Christ Jesus, God has forgiven us.

In conclusion, Paul says our lives need to be permeated by the gospel of Christ. The gospel should affect every area! Remember as you go today, that you are a representative of the Lord Jesus and you carry the gospel, the hope for the world with you.