

Transformed! *How God Changes Us!*
Grace Fellowship Church Shrewsbury
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Message 14 -Language of the Heart!
Colossians 3:8-11

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Question: Where is the evidence of God's _____
in Your Life Today?

What has _____? What has _____?

*YES, BUT HOW Do I Participate with God in
"Putting to Death my Social Sin"?*

1. Get _____!

— *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-3*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; **do not be discouraged**, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*
Joshua 1:9

2. Get _____!

Do not lie to each other. Col 3:9

Therefore each of you must put off all falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25

Two Categories of Social Sin

1. _____ (Passive Aggressive) = Anger (Judgment), Malice, Prejudice
2. _____ (Direct Aggression) = Rage, Slander & Filthy Language

Two Ways to Practice Denial

1. Internal = _____ – "Who Me?"

2. External = _____ – "I Have the Right!"

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3. Get _____!

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

4. Get _____!

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the captives free. Luke 4:18

...but Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11

Transformed Relationally Homework!

1. Read Colossians 3 Daily. Ask God to reveal to you what He wants for you to see. Make a list of what He shows you. Go before Him with a willing and open heart, ready for action based on what you hear. Recommit to Loving others as God loves you!

2. Ask God to show you if your social sins are more internal or external. Ask those closest to you to speak into your life by helping you to see which of the sins listed in verses 8-11 are resident in your life. Confess this sins to God and to your family and friends.

3. As soon as you have clearly identified your sinful inclinations, pray and in the power of God go to a person you have harmed, own your sin and ask for forgiveness in the following manner:

“Name, I realize that I have hurt you by acting in ways that have been list specifically. (angry, rageful, spiteful, etc.) I am becoming aware that this is not how God would have me live me life. I don't wany to do this anymore. Will you please forgive me? Will you help me to live my life differently by ___?”

4. Take a daily inventory of ways that need to die in you. Name a new way that needs to come to life in its place. Look to Colossians 3:12-17 to find these new ways. Note every change in your life and give glory and praise to God!