

## **Sermon Outline**

### **“How Shall We Then Live?”**

Colossians 3:5-11

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**Main Idea:** God’s rules enable us to live the Christian life for his glory

#### **Main Points:**

1. Christian living is rooted in our union with Christ.
2. Christian living requires a break with our old manner of life.
3. Christian living reveals Christ as all and in all.

#### **Key Quotes:**

“God’s rules or God’s laws are a reflection of His holy character. They are concerned with His glory and our good.” – Robin

“Christian living is the application of a heavenly mindset to everyday living in this present-day world.” – Robin

“God alone is Lord of the conscience, and has left it free from the doctrines and the commandments of men.” – Westminster Confession 20.2

#### **Fellowship Starters:**

1. Read Colossians 3:1-11 together.
2. Open in prayer.
3. Discuss the importance of our Christian living being rooted and grounded in our union with Christ. What happens when it is not?
4. Discuss the importance of cultivating time in God’s Word as a means of “seeking” Jesus and “setting our minds on things above.”
5. Discuss the 2 lists of “negative commands” or “put-offs.” The first was addressing the area of our sexuality (v5), while the second was addressing the area of our relationships with others (v 8-9). Why does Paul use such strong language when addressing these issues (“Put to death” verses “resist” or “avoid”)? Isn’t that what Jesus taught in Matt 5:30? Also read John 14:15 and Matt 28:20
6. End your time where you began, focused on the gospel and our union with Christ. He is our Redeemer, Savior and Mediator. He has given us new life. We are united with him and to him. All that he calls us to he will give us grace to accomplish through the power of the Holy Spirit that is in us. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Read Romans 8:31-38)
7. End in prayer for one another.