

- ii. Don't do what you feel like doing... you don't have to!
  
- iii. Christ is your life... set your mind on things above.
  
- iv. To be hidden in Christ includes being hidden in His body, the church—that is your new city.

### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- Have you ever found the mandate to “put to death” what is earthly confusing, having just been told you died with Christ?
- How does 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 help us understand what is earthly in us, and what it means to be heavenly minded?
- Do you ever struggle with assurance of being a Christian because you struggle with temptation and desire to sin? How might this text help you with this?
- What does it mean to have your life “hidden with Christ in God”?
- How would “walking in the light” (pursuing fellowship with the body of Christ) help in putting to death the temptations and sins listed in 3:5? Why are they contrary to fellowship?
- How do we know from the context that “putting to death” the members of our body doesn't involve harsh treatment of the body?
- Why do you think Paul reminds us that “because of these the wrath of God is coming”?
- How can we know that our dying to the sins and desires listed in 3:5-9 is not based on how we feel about them?

## Living Life Hidden Away in Christ (Part 1)

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Text: Colossians 1:1-11

### Introduction: A Perplexing Pair

- i. If I am dead, why do I still need to put to death?
- ii. If am no longer walk and live in something, why do I need to put it off?
- iii. If it is the old self, why am I still practicing some of its habits?
- iv. In what sense do I still have what I no longer am?
- v. What does it mean to put them to death, and how do I do it?
  
- vi. How can I be a Christian if I still feel this way?
- vii. Am I really saved if I still feel this way?

### I. You have a new identity.

- A. What does it mean for your life to be hidden away in Christ?

B. You have entered WPP and are hidden away in Christ.

i. 1 Corinthians 15:47-49

## II. You Have An Old Pattern of Living

A. Some observations about this list and other lists:

B. Hidden Sins of Shame that Die as We Walk in the Light

C. Sins of Relationship which Divide (so are put-off as we pursue fellowship)

B. How do we “put to death” the earth-bound stuff?

i. Your victory over them is not found in how you feel about them!

a) You are dead and hidden in Christ, but you still deal with temptation to sexual immorality and the decaying putrefying unclean stuff of sin; you still battle evil desires and forbidden lust; you are still keenly capable of, but must not live in the world's lust for more stuff, more power, more rights!

➤ “You are dead” doesn't mean you are unable to feel that way any more.

b) “Because of these things the wrath of God is coming.”

➤ Safety is not in how we feel, it is in how hidden we remain.

## III. You Must Put to Death and Put Off

A. What are our “members that are upon the earth”?