

Allen Temple Baptist Church

October 2021 Sunday School Lesson Theme:
The Call to Renewal

Sunday October 24, 2021

Lesson Title: The Price of Renewal

Text: Colossians 3:1-15

Background Text Colossians 1-2

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LESSON INTRODUCTION

Colossians (Co-lo-ssae)

- **City of Colossae Location & Background**
- **Epistle Written By Paul While In Roman Jail**
- **Timeline: Approximately A.D. 62**
- **A.D. Anno Domini "In the year of the Lord"**
- **Paul's Cause for Concern**

LESSON CONTEXT

Authors:	Apostle Paul Timothy	Col 1: 1
Key Figure:	Epaphras	Col 1: 7
Addressees:	Church at Colossae	Col 1-4
Challenges:	False Teachings	Col 2:8-23
Instructions:	A Renewed Lifestyle	Col 3:1-17

LEARNING GOALS

- 1. Jesus is Dominant Above All Creation**
- 2. Beware of False Teachings, Cults**
- 3. Benefits of Having a Renewed Life Focus**
- 4. What Things Must Die To Live in Christ**
- 5. Important Instructions For Christian Living**

THE CITY OF COLOSSAE

(Co-lo-ssae)

- **Colossae was built on a major trade route through the Lycus River Valley in Phrygia located in the Roman province of Asia Minor. 17th Century**
- **Originally the city of Colossae was part of the kingdom of Pergamum within Phrygia. In 133 B.C. it was given to the senate of Rome.**
- **The city was made up mostly of Gentiles (Phrygians and Greek settlers), but there were numerous Jews also.**



APOSTLE PAUL'S CAUSE FOR CONCERN

- Colossae held Jewish, Gnostic, and pagan influences that in the first century AD were described as an angel-cult - Religious syncretism

Col 2: 18-20

Paul has not yet visited Colossae but heard of their Great Faith through Epaphras. **Col 1:8, 2:1-5**

Paul Wanted To Reemphasize Christ as Lord
Above All others

Timothy and Epaphras

- Timothy served as Paul's representative. Paul also addresses Timothy as "my true son in the faith" ([1 Timothy 1:2](#))
- Epaphras served in ministry with the apostle Paul
- Scripture suggests he started The Church At Colossae Col 1-1:7, he was later acknowledged by Paul as a Gentile Col 4:12

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Text: Colossians 3:1-15

Theme 1. Seek The Things That Are Above
Colossians 3: 1-4

Theme 2. Put The Earthly Nature to Death
Colossians 3:5-11

Theme 3. Put on Love, Display the Peace of Christ,
Be Thankful Text: Colossians 3:12-15

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Colossians 3: 1-2 NLT

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

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Colossians 3:3-4 NLT

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Reference Colossians 2:11 - 12

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Colossians 3: 5-6 NLT

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

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Colossians 3:7-9 NLT

7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. **8** But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. **9** Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

APPLICATION TO LIFE

What Habits, Practices, Ungodly Affirmations
Do We need to Burn & Bury?

If Believers have truly died with Christ;
therefore, we need to die to our sins!

We have also been raised with Christ;
therefore, we must live well in Him and put on
qualities that are motivated by Christian love.

Scripture Reference

Romans 8; 6-10 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

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Colossians 3:10-11 NLT

10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

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Colossians 3:12-13 NLT

12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

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Colossians 3:14-15 NLT

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

APPLICATION TO LIFE

Our commitment to Jesus Christ as believers should impact every area of our life.

How we walk, speak and live.

How do we show up in conflict?

How do we represent or misrepresent Christ when offended? Guy says it depends..

Are we operating in the old but claiming new?

Summary

If Christ is Lord over all in our life, the Christian is a life of submission to Jesus. Are you following after Jesus as you should? Our faith in Jesus Christ should positively transform the relationships we have in our homes, our churches, and our world and relationships. The absence of evidence of Christ in all areas is a sign that internal change, and repentance may be required. God's Love is Forever. LIVE FULL FOR GOD TODAY.

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Closing Statement: Serving God is not 80/20, 90/10 or any other percentage. We are to give 100% and let God work. We cannot give 100% if we are holding onto habits, beliefs, passions, lusts, fears, bad habits that are stopping us from "giving God our all." Do Not Allow the Cultures of this sinful world to destroy you. Let Go of anything or anyone That is stopping you from giving your all to Christ. His Love is Forever.

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