

Colossians Series

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COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

**What is Legalism?
Dying with Christ: Huh?
Colossians 2:20–3:7;
Romans 6:1–23**

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Legalism in the spiritual life removes the "by the Spirit" aspect of spiritual growth and reduces spirituality to simple morality.

The Problem:

Seeking help for life's problems apart from Christ results in Spiritual Decapitation which cuts us off from the:

- **authority of Christ**
- **nourishment from Christ**
- **spiritual growth from Christ**
- **the strength of Christ (cf., Phil. 4:13)**
- **future rewards, privileges, and blessings in the kingdom.**

The Solution:

- **understanding our position “In Christ” (Col. 2:10–11)**
- **living in light of its reality**
- **developing a mind-set based on reality (Col. 3:2)**
- **actively “putting to death” sin in our life, (Col. 3:5) and “putting off” these sins (Col. 3:8)**

Col. 2:11–12, “In Him you were also [spiritually] circumcised . . . , by putting off [*ekduo*] the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [by being] buried with Him in baptism,”

Col. 2:20, “Therefore, if you died [and you did] with Christ ...”

Col. 3:1, “If then you were raised with Christ [and you were] ...”

Col. 3:3, “For you died [apothnesko], and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Col. 3:5, “**Therefore** put to death [nekroo] your members which are on the earth:”

Col. 3:8, “But now you yourselves are to put off [*apotithemi*] all these ...”

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Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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ἐνδύω (*endyō*),

aor mid ind

dress, clothe;

“Putting on Christ” happens simultaneously with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

(cf., Col. 3:10, in contrast to “put off” in Col. 3:8, 3:9)

ETERNAL REALITIES

Positional Truth

Identification Truth

IN CHRIST

New Life in Christ

*Baptism by means
of the Holy Spirit*

ACTS 16:31

TEMPORAL REALITIES



Col. 2:20, “Therefore, if¹ you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—”

Col. 3:3, “For [because] you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom. 6:6, “[because we know] knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Rom. 6:7, “For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

ἀποθνήσκω *apothnēsko*
2 aor act part masc sing
nom
to die

****the aor ptcp precedes the
action of the main verb**

δικαίωω *dike*
perf pass indic 3 sing
to pronounce
righteous, justify,
declare righteous

**Because the one who has died (positionally with the
Baptism of the Holy Spirit)**

**“has been and continues to be declared righteous from
sin”**

Rom. 6:8, “Now if¹ we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,”

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Rom. 6:11, “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Rom. 6:12, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Rom. 6:13, “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Rom. 6:14, “For sin shall not have dominion [!] over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

present act imperatives

Standard behavior for the believer

Gal. 5:24, “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

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Gal. 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

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Gal. 5:25, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

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IN CHRIST

“You have put off the old man”
“you have put on the new man”
Col. 3:9–10



ACTS 16:31

TEMPORAL REALITIES

Experiential Reality

FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Walking by the Holy Spirit”
“Put off” Col. 3:8
“Put on...” Col. 3:12ff
1 Jn. 1:9

SIN NATURE

CARNALITY
Sin Nature Control



Rom. 6:13, “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

Rom. 8:11, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Rom. 8:12, “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

Rom. 8:13, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

**θανατόω *thanatoō*
pres act indic 2 plur
to put to death**

Col. 3:5, “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth:”

νεκρόω *nekroō*

aor act impera 2 plur

to put to death

“Kill off, assassinate, the sin nature manifestations in your life”

Render the sin nature as necrotic tissue

Mark 8:34, “And [Christ] summoned the multitude with His disciples and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me’.”