

**“If then...”**

**Colossians 3:1-17**

# The choice is yours (Col. 3:1-4)

- “Seek the things that are above” (vs. 1)
  - You must choose what you’ll chase (Josh. 24:15; Matt. 6:24)
- “If you have been raised with Christ” (vs. 1)
  - There is only one choice for the true Christian

# The choice is yours (Col. 3:1-4)

- “Set your minds on things above” (vs. 2)
  - Fix your eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:1-2)
  - Seek the Kingdom of God (Matt. 6:19-33)
- “Your life is hidden in Christ” (vs. 3)
  - Choose life (Deut. 30:19)

# Stop playing games (Col. 3:5-9)

- “Put to death” (vs. 5)
- “Put... away” (vs. 8)
- “Put off” (vs. 9)
  - The works of the flesh (Gal. 5:16-21)
  - Radical amputation (Matt. 5:29)
  - Not through ascetism or legalism, but by the Spirit (Col. 2:23; Rom. 8:12-14)

# Be like Jesus (Col. 3:10-17)

- “which is being renewed in the knowledge after the image of its creator” (vs. 10)
  - You are being transformed into the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29; 12:2)
- ”Put on the new self” (vs. 10)
  - Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 13:14)

# Be like Jesus (Col. 3:10-17)

- “put on then” (vs. 12)
  - The character of Christ
- “put on love” (vs. 14)
  - The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25)
- “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus” (vs. 17)
  - Live up to the name you’ve been given