

**In Christ Alone  
Growth in Christ Alone  
Colossians 3:5-17**

**Ephesians 4:22-24** - ...that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

**#1. You must love and appreciate what Christ has done for you**

**Colossians 3:5** - Therefore ...

**#2. You must hate the corrupting and destructive influences of sin and idolatry**

**Colossians 3:5** - Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

**Colossians 3:8** - But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

**Colossians 3:9** - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices...

A. Because God's wrath is upon those who practice idolatry

**Colossians 3:6** - For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience...

B. Because we exchanged the old way of life for a new one

**Colossians 3:7** - ...and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

**Colossians 3:10-11** - ...and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

**#3. You must repent for your willing participation in that sin**

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**Colossians 3:9** - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices...

A. By taking responsibility for sin

B. By recognizing the Lord's warnings

C. By accepting consequences

**#4. You must renew your mind with the peace of Christ and the Word of Christ**

**Colossians 3:15-16** - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

A. Let the peace of Christ rule

B. Be filled with the Word

**#5. You must do the actions that glorify Christ**

**Colossians 3:12-14** - So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other,

whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

**Colossians 3:17** - Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

A. A heart of compassion and kindness

B. Humility

C. Bearing with another

<b>Put to death</b>	<b>Renew my mind</b>	<b>Put On</b>
Sinful anger	I believe that sinful anger is wrong and is a disgrace to the cross of Christ. I hate what it is doing in my life and relationships.  I believe that my anger should be consistent with the Lord's.	Righteous anger
Sinful expressions of anger	I believe that my expressions of anger are sinful. They are not consistent with the Lord's treatment of me nor are they appropriate.  I believe that my anger should be expressed in ways consistent with biblical truth.	Righteous expressions of anger
Impatience	I believe that my impatience is sinful and if God treated me the way I am treating _____, then I would be in serious trouble.  It is my responsibility, by the power of Christ, to bear with _____ in love.	Bearing with one another

<b>Put to death</b>	<b>Renew my mind</b>	<b>Put On</b>
I yelled	I believe that sinful anger is wrong and is a disgrace to the cross of Christ. I believe that my anger should be consistent with the Lord's.	Righteous anger
I threw a ball across the room in frustration	I believe that my expressions of anger are sinful. They are not consistent with the Lord's treatment of me nor are they appropriate. I believe that my anger should be expressed in ways consistent with biblical truth.	Righteous expressions of anger
I left the house and slammed the door on the way out.	I believe that my impatience is sinful and if God treated me the way I am treating _____, then I would be in serious trouble. It is my responsibility, by the power of Christ, to bear with one another (warts and all).	Bearing with one another