

COLOSSIANS: WEEK 5

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DE-construction: what would _____ _____?

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don't be greedy for the good things of this life, for that is idolatry. Colossians 3:5 NLT

Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. Colossians 3:6,7 NLT

But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Colossians 3:8 NLT

Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds. Colossians 3:9 NLT

Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom made by the Creator, with His label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Colossians 3:9-11 Message

RE-construction: building a _____ _____

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. Colossians 3:10 NLT

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. Colossians 3:11 NLT

Since God chose you to be the holy people whom He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Colossians 3:12 NLT

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 NLT

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14 NLT

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. Colossians 3:15 NLT

Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Philippians 3:16 NIV

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits at God's right hand in the place of honor and power. Colossians 3:1 NLT

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2,3 NLT

And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. Colossians 3:4 NLT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Have you ever had a project that required WAY more work than you anticipated?*
- *Read Colossians 3:8. What are things in your life that need to be “de-constructed” right now?*
- *Read Colossians 3:10. Now read it again. What sticks out to you?*
- *Read Colossians 3:13. Who is someone you need to forgive? What does it mean to forgive someone?*
- *Read Colossians 3:14. How can you “wear” love this week?*
- *Share prayer needs and lift them up together!*