

# Col 3.1-14:

## A PRESCRIPTION FOR CHRISTIAN HOLINESS.

### 1. Seek the Heavenly v1-4. (Aspiration)

Seek the heavenly **because** you have died and risen with Christ:

**3.1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Romans 8:5:

*5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

## 2. Slay the Earthly v5-11. (Mortification)

Slay the earthly **because** you have put off the old self and have put on the new self:

**5** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. **11** Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## The Discipline of mortifying:

**(A) Pray daily for the Spirit's assistance.**

**Rom 8.13, John 15.5, Matt 26.41**

**(B) Saturate yourself in scripture. Col 3.16, John 17.17**

**(C) Avoid situations that entice you to sin. Rom 13.13-14**

**(D) Attack sin at its inception. Matt 5.21-30**

### 3. Wear the Christly v12-14. (Radiation)

Wear the Christly **because** you are God's chosen, holy and dearly loved people:

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

2 Corinthians 3:18:

***18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*