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Colossians 3:1, 2

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 3:1-17

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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.

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 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 Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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 whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Mortifying the Flesh

Romans 8:12-17

Romans:

The bad news & the good news!

The wrath of God 1:18 – 3:20

The grace of God 3:21 – 8:39

The plan of God 9 -- 11

The will of God 12 -- 16

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Romans 8:12-17

Verses 12 – 13

We have an obligation

not to the flesh

which brings death

but to put to death the flesh

which brings life

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Romans 8:12-17

Verses 14 – 17

Spirit-led people are sons of God

the Spirit lives in us

the Spirit testifies with our spirit

that we are God's children

that we are heirs with Christ

we share in Christ's sufferings

we share in Christ's glory

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Romans 8:12-17

How does mortification take place?

1. Abstain from sinful desires.

1 Peter 2:11

Romans 13:14

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Romans 8:12-17

How does mortification take place?

2. Fix your heart on Christ

1 John 3:2-3

2 Corinthians 3:18

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How does mortification take place?

3. Meditate on God's Word

Joshua 1:8

Psalms 1:2

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How does mortification take place?

4. Pray without ceasing

Matthew 26:41

Psalm 119:12-14

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How does mortification take place?

5. Exercise self-control

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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How does mortification take place?

6. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

Galatians 5:16-18