

Complete in Him
Part Five: In His Name
Colossians 3:1-17
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1. Because we've been given spiritual life through Christ, we should pursue his priorities (3:1-4)
 - By definition, a Christian is someone who has been transformed from spiritually dead to spiritually alive (3:1)
 - This requires redirecting our focus away from earth-sourced priorities we already pursue (3:2)
 - We do this because:
 - ✓ Christ is our life (3:3)
 - ✓ We will share in his glory one day (3:3)
2. Pursuing Christ's priorities requires ongoing execution and removal of sinful desire and behavior (3:5-11)
 - God's judgment is coming for those who live this way (3:6)
 - Because of our new identity in Christ, it's not possible for a Christian to be characterized by these things (3:7,9-11)
3. Pursuing Christ's priorities requires the daily decision to look like a believer (3:12-16)
 - It's a matter of identity (3:12)
 - This requires developing Christian character (3:12-16)
4. The controlling principle for a believer's behavior is to honor the reputation of the Lord Jesus (3:17)