

# Focus on Things Above | Colossians 3:1-17

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

## OVERVIEW

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In Christ, the “old” is put to death, and the “new” has come. We no longer walk according to our earthly nature, but we set our hearts on things above in Christ.

## OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** In buying clothes, are you a name-brand buyer? A bargain hunter? Quality conscious? Style conscious? Spouse conscious? Or could you care less what others think?

**Activity:** Memorize the whole or part of this week’s passage.

## PRAYER

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**Pray in groups of 3-4:** Pray for God’s grace in putting off the old self, and putting on the new in Christ.

**Pray in a large group:** Pray for those who have not placed their trust in Jesus (family, friends, co-workers).

## BIBLE: READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

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1. What does it mean to have been raised with Christ? (Notice that the verb “raised” is both passive – that is, something done for or to you not by you - and past tense)
2. What will our lives look like if we set our hearts on things above? What will our lives look like if we are setting our mind on the things on earth?
3. What are we to put to death?
4. What significant outworking of the gospel does verse 11 describe?
5. Why should disciples of Jesus put on the following: Compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness?
6. How does love “bind everything together?” (See 1 Cor 13)
7. How do you “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts?” (Notice the parallel between v. 15 and v. 16)
8. What key aspect of the Christian life is emphasized in vv. 15-17?
9. As you live life, making decisions each day, how does v. 17 help guide you as you make those decisions?

## APPLICATION

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1. What are the biggest challenges for you as you seek to grow in holiness? When have you seen God work in your life as you grew in holiness and Christ-likeness?
2. Believers are to eradicate any persisting marks of the old life, its values, customs, and practices, and put on a new self, which is categorized by love, humility, and forgiveness. What areas in your life do you still need to “put off?” Which aspect of Christ’s character do you need to clothe yourself with?
3. Who can you bless and encourage this week? Share the “message of Christ” through God’s Word or song with somebody this week.

