

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Colossians Bible Study — Colossians 3:4-7 Lesson #13

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Colossians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.
(Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

- 4 When **Christ who is our LIFE APPEARS**, then **you also will APPEAR with Him in GLORY**.
- **Matthew 25:31** “When the _____ of _____ comes in His _____, and all the _____ angels with _____ then _____ will _____ on the _____ of His _____.”
 - **Matthew 24:30** “Then the _____ of the Son of Man will _____ in _____, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man _____ on the clouds of _____ with _____ and great _____.”
 - **I Thessalonians 3:13** “So that He may establish your hearts _____ in _____ before our God and Father at the _____ of our Lord _____ with all His _____.”
 - **I Peter 4:13 & 19** “But rejoice to the extent that you partake (share) of Christ’s _____, that when His _____ is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding _____.” “Therefore, let those who _____ according to the _____ of _____ commit their _____ to Him in doing good, as to a faithful _____.”
 - **Romans 8:18** “For I consider that the _____ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the _____ which shall be _____ in _____.”

Definition: “You also will APPEAR with Him in GLORY” – When it says, **“When Christ who is our LIFE APPEARS”**, this **“APPEARING”** means His second coming, or the return of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge all evil and set up His kingdom. Scripture tells us that **WE, as His saints and true Believers, will return with Him from heaven.** Praise the Lord!

- **Zechariah 14:5** “Then you shall _____ through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall _____ as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the _____ my _____ will _____, and _____ the _____ with _____.”

Definition: “GLORY which shall be REVEALED in us” — When the whole church of Jesus Christ is gathered in heaven, we will receive our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will partake of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and we will be REVEALED to all of CREATION as being the high point and **CULMINATION of God’s grace.** **All the saints and angels will worship God and give Him GLORY** for His marvelous grace and mercy which He has shown to us by saving us and giving us eternal life with Him. We will also **RULE and REIGN** with Jesus Christ.

- **Ephesians 2:6-7** “And has raised us up together, and has made us to _____ together in _____ places _____ Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come, He might _____ the exceeding riches of His _____ in His kindness towards _____ in Christ Jesus.”
- **Jude 24** “Now to Him who is able to _____ you from _____, and to _____ you _____ before the presence of His _____ with exceeding _____, to God our Savior....”

• **Revelation 19:6-9** “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let _____ be _____ and _____ and give Him _____, for the _____ of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the _____ acts of the saints. Then he said to me, ‘Write: ‘_____ are those who are called to the marriage _____ of the _____!’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true sayings of God.’”

• **I Corinthians 6:2-3** “Do you not know that the _____ will _____ the _____? And if the world will be _____ by _____, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that _____ shall judge _____? How much more things that pertain to this life?”

5 Therefore **PUT to DEATH your MEMBERS which are on the earth**: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

• **I Corinthians 6:15-20** “Do you not know that your _____ are members of Christ? Shall I then take the _____ of _____ and make them _____ of a harlot (prostitute)? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is _____ to a harlot is one _____ with her? ‘For the _____,’ He says, ‘Shall become _____ flesh,’ But he who is _____ to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee (run away from) sexual immorality (fornication and UNCLEANNESS). Every _____ that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality _____ against his own _____. Or do you not know that your _____ is the _____ of the _____, who is in you, whom you have from _____, and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your _____ and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

• **II Corinthians 6:17-18 & 7:1** “Therefore come _____ from _____ them and be _____,’ says the Lord. ‘Do not touch what is _____, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,’ says the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of the _____ and _____, perfecting _____ in the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “Your MEMBERS which are on the earth” — Individual parts of the BODY, such as HANDS, FEET, TONGUE, EYES, etc. I believe the MIND (brain) could also be considered a “member” of the body. We have the POWER to **CHOOSE to let our BODY** and its parts (including our mind) be used for the glory of God, as **His INSTRUMENTS or TOOLS** of righteousness, or as INSTRUMENTS or TOOLS for sin. As it relates to addictions, we might think of what and how much food, chemicals or alcohol we allow to go into our MOUTH; or do we allow our EYES to look at pornography? Are the **things we are doing with our BODY** glorifying to God? Romans 6:13 says, to **“PRESENT yourselves to God”** and **“Present your MEMBERS as INSTRUMENTS of righteousness to God.”** This is also a DAILY decision, a **DAILY CHOICE**, sometimes even a **MOMENT BY MOMENT CHOICE, of DECIDING whether you will PRESENT YOUR BODY to God**, or to your addiction, compulsive behavior or other sin. **HOW do we “PUT TO DEATH” the deeds of the BODY? — BY THE SPIRIT!!** By the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT in our lives, we **PRESENT our BODIES** as a SACRIFICE to God. NOT a sacrifice of DYING for Christ, but as a LIVING SACRIFICE. Be willing to PLACE ON THE ALTAR those things that DO NOT PLEASE GOD, and COMPLETELY, TOTALLY **SURRENDER your BODY to God**, for His USE, and LIVE your life for HIM BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

• **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you

_____ your _____ as a living sacrifice, _____ and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the _____ of your _____ that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Definition: “FORNICATION, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and COVETOUSNESS” –God’s word uses the terms **ADULTERY and FORNICATION, which means ANY sexual intercourse other than between a man and woman MARRIED to each other.** Some of the newer Bible versions translate “fornication” as “sexual immorality,” but it is the same word in the Greek: “**porneia.**” There are a lot of “modern” terms that we use for certain sexual behaviors, such as homosexual, heterosexual, pedophile, pornography, etc., which are not in the Bible. The reason they are not mentioned in the Bible **by those terms** is because those are modern, recently-made-up terms, and they were not in common use in the English language when the Bible was translated. All of those behaviors would fall under the category of **ADULTERY and FORNICATION** (see Leviticus 18 for more detail, including what constitutes incest). There is one more term, **UNCLEANNES**S, which refers to all the other types of sexual activity, whether they involve actual sexual intercourse or not. In other words, the **THOUGHTS** a person has that are sexually related, and also what our modern society calls “making out.” I Corinthians 6:18-20 tells us to “**FLEE sexual immorality,**” which means **RUN AWAY from it.** II Corinthians 6:17-18 & 7:1 tells us to **separate ourselves** from ANYTHING UNCLEAN, and to walk in holiness and reverence to God.

•**Ephesians 5:3-4** “But _____ and all _____ or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither _____, nor foolish _____, nor coarse _____, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.”

•**I Thessalonians 4:3-7** “For this is the _____ of _____, your sanctification: that you should _____ from sexual _____; that each of you should know how to possess (keep) his own vessel (body) in _____ and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did _____ call us to _____ (impurity), but in _____.”

6-7 Because of these things **the WRATH of GOD is coming upon the SONS of DISOBEDIENCE.** In which **YOU also ONCE WALKED when you LIVED in THEM.**

•**Romans 5:9** “Much _____ then, having now been _____ by His _____, we shall be saved from _____ through _____.”

•**Ephesians 5:6** “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the _____ of _____ comes upon the _____ of _____.”

•**Romans 1:18** “For the _____ of God is revealed from _____ against all _____ and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

Definition: “The WRATH of GOD is coming upon the SONS of DISOBEDIENCE” — “**The WRATH of GOD**” is God’s **ANGER** against **SIN** — the **PUNISHMENT** that **WE DESERVE** for violating God’s laws and falling short of His perfect standards. “**The SONS of DISOBEDIENCE**” means the **UNSAVED**, those who have **NOT** put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. According to Ephesians 2:2, the “sons of disobedience” are **UNBELIEVERS**; those who are still under Satan’s control, and **have NOT been born again.** In Ephesians 2:3 they are also called “**children of WRATH.**” Since they have **NOT** accepted God’s way of forgiveness for their sins, **they have NOTHING to look forward to except the WRATH OF GOD and eternity in HELL.**

•**Ephesians 2:2-3** “In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according

to the _____ of the _____ of the air (atmosphere), the _____ who now works in the _____ of _____, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts (desires) of our _____, fulfilling the _____ of the _____ and of the _____; and were by nature _____ of _____, just as the others.”

• **I Thessalonians 5:9** “For God did not appoint us to _____, but to obtain _____ through our _____.”

• **I Thessalonians 1:9-10** “For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you _____ to God from _____ to serve the _____ and _____ God, and to wait for His Son from _____, whom He _____ from the _____, even Jesus who _____ us from the _____ to come.”

• **John 3:36** “He who believes in the _____ has _____ life; and he who does NOT _____ the Son shall _____ see _____, but the _____ of God abides (remains) on him.”

• **I Peter 4:3** “For we have spent _____ of our _____ in doing the _____ of the Gentiles (unsaved) – when we _____ in licentiousness, _____, drunkenness, revelries (orgies, riots), _____ parties and abominable idolatries.”

Definition: “YOU also ONCE WALKED when you LIVED in THEM” – This refers to the things of verse 5, the “fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” These are all the sins we “walked” in, or **lived our lives in, before we were saved**. God has delivered us out of that world now, and we should NOT fall back into those sinful ways of living anymore.

• **Ephesians 4:17-18** “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should _____ longer _____ as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the _____ that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart:”

• **I Corinthians 2:14-15** “But the natural man does not _____ (understand) the things of the _____ of _____, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he _____ them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges (discerns) all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.”

Definition: “FUTILITY OF THEIR MINDS” – The emptiness and stupidity of their minds; **not thinking right**, not able to understand the things of God.

• **Proverbs 12:15** “The way of a _____ is _____ in his _____, but he who heeds [godly] counsel is _____.”

• **Proverbs 16:25** “There is a way that _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.”

Definition: “No longer WALK as the rest of the Gentiles” – Paul is speaking to born-again Christians here, and telling them NOT to CONTINUE to LIVE THEIR LIVES or BEHAVE like **non-Christians**. He especially tells them **NOT to THINK like unbelievers**.

• **Psalms 1:1** “Blessed is the man who _____ in the counsel of (taking advice from) the _____, nor stands in the path of (“hangs out” with) _____, nor sits in the seat of (has fellowship with) the _____ (those who ridicule and reject God).”