

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
Sept. 2nd, 2018
Col. 3:5-6

- **RECAP:** Last week, we finished up this section of Paul's, where he makes it clear that we are to live with an eternal focus. We need to be looking to eternal things, not earthly things.
- **“Therefore put to death,”**
 - This particular word for “death” in Greek is “necros,” the same word used to identify us without Christ, totally and completely dead, as a corpse would be. However, this word is put in an imperative mood, meaning it is a command.
 - John Owen makes the point that we are called by God to be seeking to put down sin in our lives. It means remembering we are in a spiritual war, and to be beating down and starving the old, sinful habits in us on a regular basis.
- **“the members that are of the earth,”**
 - Paul here is not condemning physical things as being inherently evil. But he is saying that these sins, this list of evils, are sins that won't be found in the Kingdom of God. Is the body inherently evil for being physical? No. But the spirit of the human race, without the direct intervention of Christ, is by nature a spirit of earthly-ness. It doesn't care about eternal things. **Romans 8:1-13.**
 - **“immorality.”** This first one in Greek is “porneia,” where we get our word “pornography” from. This word describes some romantic or sexual relation that was forbidden.
 - **“impurity/uncleanliness.”** This Greek word is “akatharsis,” which is where we get our English word “catharsis” from. Something that is unclean in some way. **Eph. 5:1-4.**
 - **“passion – strong desire,”** These two words are closely linked, so they really should be presented together. The idea of “strong desire” is used to describe sinful lusts for things. Not necessarily sexual, but something you shouldn't have.
 - **“evil,”** This word for “evil” is also stuck down in this list, and it is literally just that. We understand that anything evil is better understood as something that is “un-God-like.”
 - **“greediness,”** The Greek word here is the word “pleonexian,” which means “to get more of.” You were given an amount, but you seek to “hold” a greater or larger amount.
- **“which is idolatry.”** Ultimately all of these evils are just idol worship. Idolatry is worshiping anything that isn't God. If you're desiring and wanting something besides God, and what God has given to you, you are simply seeking to serve yourself.
- **“On account of which, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.”**
 - God's wrath is coming in this verse. And it will be poured out on those who reject God, who rebel against him and live in a constant state of idolatry.
 - Our God is a loving, forgiving, gracious God. But even a good God cannot simply pretend to ignore or look over sin, or else such a God is no longer good and demonstrating justice.
- **Application:**
 - **Put away desires for things outside of God and what God has wisely given to you.**

- **Seek to warn of the coming wrath against sin!**