

Colossians

Blessed Assurance

"Dressing for Spiritual Success, Part 1"

INTRO: *Christians have a new identity, a spiritual union with their Savior carrying profound implications for behavior. The first step in dressing for spiritual success is to remove anything associated with the old life.*

- I. Christians have received a new spiritual _____ in _____.** *The **therefore** points back to the previous section dealing with the Believer's new spiritual identity (union) with Jesus.*

- II. Christians will be tempted to commit _____ which characterized their _____ life.** *God's wrath stands against all manifestations of sin, but two kinds of sin are emphasized here, **immoral sexuality** and **angry speech**.*

- III. _____ sinful practices that once characterized our _____ - _____ life (3:5, 8-11).** *Paul employs two very strong commands for the Colossians.*
 - A. Consider our bodily members _____ to _____.** ***Members** are the physical means through which sinful impulses find their expression (Cf. Romans 6:11-13).*

 - B. Put aside _____ opposing the journey to _____.** *Our journey is sanctification (Cf. Heb. 12:1) and our new identity transcends all barriers.*