

## Colossians - Chapter 3

### “The Old Man: Causing a Stink”

### Colossians 3:7-10

#### Verse 7

1. The words “*some time*” are often translated “*times* \_\_\_\_\_” in other verses. Galatians 1:23; Ephesians 5:8; Colossians 1:21; Titus 3:3-4
2. In our lives before Christ, we **walked** in sin because we \_\_\_\_\_ in sin. Ephesians 2:1-3 paints a very vivid picture of this.
  - But Ephesians 2:4-6 quickly explains the new position and life we have now, in Christ.

#### Verses 8-9

1. Paul is encouraging these believers to put away the attitudes and actions that were associated with their old sin nature.
  - The phrase “*put off*” means “to put \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Notice the two aspects that Paul brings out to these believers:
  - The old sin nature has been put off positionally. It is already \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 9, cf. 2:11
  - But, that old dead sin nature can still cause a \_\_\_\_\_ if we don't put it away practically in our daily lives. vs. 8
3. So, when certain ungodly attitudes and actions crop up in our lives, we immediately identify them as the stink that comes from our old man that was crucified with Christ, and we put them away.
  - “*anger, wrath, malice*” – These three go hand in hand, and deal with our relationships with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “*blasphemy, filthy communication*” – The \_\_\_\_\_ is full of deadly poison.

- *“Lie not one to another”* – There is a temptation to skirt the truth, tell “half-truths,” fabricate to make ourselves look better, exaggerate, allow people to believe something that we know is untrue, etc. When we do these things, we are taking on the character of \_\_\_\_\_. John 8:44
4. Paul says, “Put all these things away. They belong to the old nature that is dead and crucified with Christ.”
  5. But, Paul doesn’t stop here. It is not enough to simply put away that which belongs to the old sin nature. There is another side of the coin.