

SERMON

DATE: Sunday, May 25-26, 2019

SERIES TITLE: REFLECT - Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships

SERMON TITLE: Living as the Body of Christ

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-11

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[1] Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

[2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

[3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

[4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

[5] Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

[6] Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

[7] You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

[8] But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

[9] Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

[10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

[11] Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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1. Live as the church.

- Live in community and fellowship.
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2. Seek heavenly things.

3. Get rid of – put to death – the earthly in you.

4. Put on the new nature.

Lagniappe

In America, this is Memorial Day weekend, and Monday will be Memorial Day - a day of giving thanks and remembering those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom.

You probably know that Memorial Day began sometime in the aftermath of the American War Between the States. Both in the north and the south, there were days to place flowers at graves and to remember. Our Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and by the late 1860's Americans in towns of both the north and the south started having springtime remembrances of those soldiers whose bodies lay in "almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971.

We certainly need to remember, and we need to give thanks. According to how young you are, it may be hard for you to imagine that 400,000 Americans died in WWII. Some of the veterans of that struggle for the freedom of the world are still living alongside many of those who have fought in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and every conflict since. Families and communities have paid a high price for our freedom and our way of life.

Let us give thanks for all those who served and for those who paid the ultimate price.

I can't think of sacrifice without thinking of our Lord--the One who had no sin but became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). He gave Himself that we might live, not just for a while but for all eternity.

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).