

**Alive in Christ
Living on Earth
Colossians 3:5-15**

I. Responding to the Challenge

1. We are risen with Christ - 3:1
We are seated with Him in Heaven
That is secure – It is truth
2. But we are still living on earth
Conformity to Christ waits His coming – 3:4
When we receive our new bodies – 1 Cor. 15:51-52
3. Why has God left us like this?
To show us His power to change us
To preserve the credibility of our witness
To challenge our faith
Believe Christ's victory for us over sin

6. Be thankful – 15

All that is accomplished in reflecting Christ is of
God's doing
Therefore all glory for what is done belongs to Him

II. Dealing with What is Earthly 3:5-9

1. Put to death what is earthly in you – 5
Reckon yourself to be dead to sin – Rom. 6:11-13
Our body is still with us with all its desires
But Christ living in us provides victory
2. Our earthly desires produce sin – 5
Sexual immorality, impurity, passion
Evil desire, covetousness which is idolatry
3. This is what God will judge in His wrath – 6
Surely we don't want what God hates
4. This is what God saved us from – 7
Christ died to deliver us from these sins
5. Through Christ we can have victory – 8
Put away anger, wrath, malice, slander
Obscene talk from your mouth
6. Lying is part of our old self – 9
Our God is absolute truth and hates lying
Lying damages credibility when we speak His truth

III. Living as New in Christ – 3:10-15

1. The new reality in salvation – 10
In Christ we are a new creation – 2 Cor. 5:17
He will work in us renewing us in His likeness
2. God's grace is without distinctions – 11
We are one body in Christ
3. Reflect God's image to others – 12-15
We are chosen in Christ, holy & beloved
We ought to reflect His compassion with
Kindness, humility, meekness, patience
Bearing with one another & forgiving one another
As the Lord has forgiven you
4. Above all put on love – 14
Love binds everything together in perfect harmony
Love is the dynamic of our witness – John 13:34-35
5. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts - 15
To which you were called in one body
Love & true harmony in the church
Is a powerful witness to our world – John 17:21-23