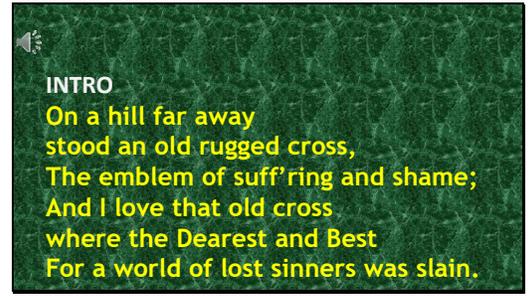


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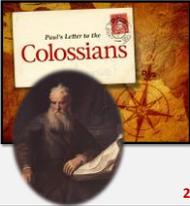
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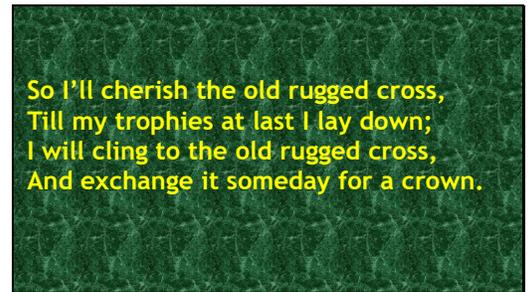
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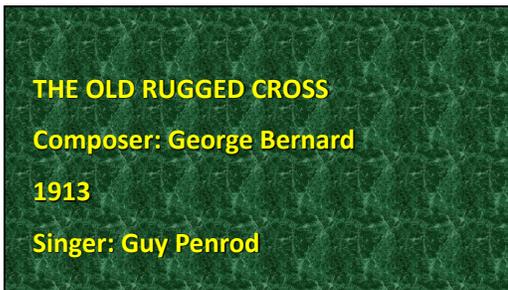


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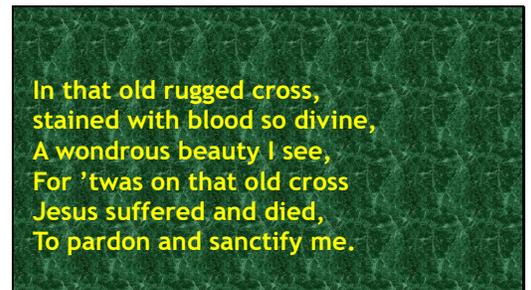
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 Till my trophies at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it someday for a crown.

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COLOSSIANS OUTLINE

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To the old rugged cross
 I will ever be true;
 Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
 Then He'll call me someday
 to my home far away,
 Where His glory forever I'll share.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN - ACTIVITY, LOCATION, APPLICATION
COLOSSIANS 3:5-11

^{5A} Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: ^{5B} sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 Till my trophies* at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it someday for a crown,
 Yes I'll cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it someday for a crown.

trophies burdens those things that keep you from Christ

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN AT CONVERSION - WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

you died with Christ,
 you were delivered from the domain of darkness,
 you were redeemed,
 your sins were forgiven,
 you were reconciled to God,
 you were given an inheritance,
 you were adopted as a son,
 you received a new nature and were born again from above,
 you were raised with Christ,
 your life was hidden with Christ in God,
 you enjoy a new relationship with Christ,

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
AT CONVERSION - WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

you were brought from dead to life,
 you were brought from darkness to light,
 you were brought from bondage to freedom,
 you were brought from a worldly lifestyle to become a new man.

The old self (nature, man, Adam) is gone.

We have put on the new self (nature, man, Christ).

We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit who gives us power.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY

^{5a} Put to death (or kill) therefore what is earthly in you

Kill whatever is part of your earthly nature!

(Last week we discussed the characteristics of the earthly nature.)

“Put to death” or “kill” does not mean complete eradication of sin.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
CONTEXT - THE BATTLE AND THE AUDIENCE

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.

Our battle with sin is not over at the point of salvation.

The Christian must battle sin every day.

The battle remains until we see Christ and are like Him!

We must understand that we are in a battle.

We are in this battle only because we are in Christ.

In this section of the epistle, Paul speaks to Christians; those who have faith in Jesus Christ.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY

^{5a} Put to death therefore what is earthly in you

1 John 1:8-10
 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Those who teach that sin can be completely eradicated are not biblically correct.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE FOUNDATION

LAST WEEK
 Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

What follows now is based on what Paul said earlier in the letter. It all flows to the end.

The foundation of our ability to deal with sin is Christ!

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY

^{5a} Put to death

The Greek text says to kill the members of your earthly body (not just to consider them as dead).

Paul uses a figure of speech known as metonymy.

When he speaks of killing bodily parts or members, Paul is actually referring to the sins associated with those members.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY
^{5a} Put to death

We put sin to death by a constant daily battle.

Refuse to let your eyes wander.

Refuse to let your mind contemplate.

Refuse to allow any of your affections to draw you away from Christ.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY
^{5a} Put to death

Commit to the means of grace:

The means of grace in Christian theology are those actions and beliefs (the *means*) through which God edifies*/sanctifies** Christians; the ways in which we find encouragement and growth in our Christian walk.

edification*: those means God uses to build-up the Christian.
 sanctification**: A progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY
^{5a} Put to death

Put to death everything that draws you away from Christ.

Control your eyes: close or redirect your eyes.

Redirect your mind: control or re-channel your thinking.

Redirect your affections: order and organize your affections

“It is not the first look at a woman’s leg that is the problem for a man. It is the second and the third.” Billy Graham

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY
^{5a} Put to death

How can we walk the Christian walk?
 By ourselves we cannot, but God will do it if we use these means of grace.

Apart from the grace of God there is no hope for anyone.

But God has provided the ways for us to grow in grace and in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY
^{5a} Put to death

To kill sin means a deliberate rejection of any sinful thoughts, suggestions, desires, aspirations, deeds, circumstances, or provocations at the moment you become conscious of its existence.

Sin is always an inside job. You can’t say, “The devil made me do it.”

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death

The means of grace:

Assurance
 Assurance is a necessary item in sanctification because it is a matter of taking God at his word and of knowing that he has saved us. If we have believed God here, we can believe him in other matters. We can then get on with our Christian journey as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death
 The means of grace:

Knowledge
 If we know what our new status is, we can take advantage of its privileges. If we know God hears us, we can depend on the Holy Spirit to help us pray and interpret our stammering prayers. If we are secure in Christ, although we may stumble and fall, we know that nothing will ever pluck us out of Christ's hand.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death
 The means of grace:
 The Return of Christ

If we are Christians, we know that God is going to continue his work with us until that day when we are made like Jesus. It may be through death. It may be at Christ's Second Coming. But whenever it is, we know that we will be made like Jesus. We will be pure as he is pure. We will be perfected in love as he is love. We will be virtuous as he is virtuous. The Apostle John says that if we really believe this, we will try to be as much like him now as possible. This should affect every aspect of our personal lives: prayer, our choices in occupations, in ethics, in use of spare time, even our social concerns.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death
 The means of grace:
 Bible Study

The Bible as a source of growth in the Christian life is linked to assurance and knowledge, for from the Bible we gain both. But the Bible as a means of grace is more than either. In Bible study we seek to know God personally. If a person really wants to know God and God's will for his or her life, the primary means is Bible study.

Prayer
 Bible study is communication that goes one way. God speaks to us.
 To round this out, we also need to speak to God.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death

Paul gives examples of things that belong to our earthly nature
^{5b}sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Paul reinforces the idea that once we walked in the way of sin.
⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

Paul tells us to rid ourselves of those things that are part of our earthly nature as the means to deal with sin.
⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY ^{5a} Put to death
 The means of grace:
 Worship

In fellowship we actively express the new relationship with other Christians.

Service
 If the Christian life is not to be selfish and introverted, there must be service, service to God and to others through evangelism, generosity and other acts of compassion. Today our service should be in the sharing of our material goods, particularly since we in the West have so many. It should also be in the giving of our time to encourage or teach others, to evangelize or to contribute whatever talent or training we have been given to the growth of Christ's church.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY

Why engage in this activity relative to sin?

⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

God hates these sinful practices.

^{8b} seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

You have put on a new wardrobe and should not put on the old clothing.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE ACTIVITY

Put ... **aside** or **put off** is from apoththēmi, a word that is used for taking off clothes.

Therefore, discussion of this text often uses the clothing metaphor.

As a person takes off his dirty clothes at the end of the day, so should believers discard the filthy, tattered rags of their old life.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION

Within the church:

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Considering the fact that Paul is writing to Christians, these sins are those between believers.

Especially we are to put to death sins among God's people.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION

Where does all this take place?

In private: (sins of perverted love)
^{5b}sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

These are all sins involving areas of personal and private life that must be dealt with.

In my private thoughts, actions, viewing, etc., I am to put sin to death.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION

Within the church:

Speak the truth.

Ephesians 4:14-16
¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION

In public: (sins of wicked hate)
⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

These are all public sins that are committed at home, at work, etc.

We must confront any sins in our public life; our sins toward others.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION

Within the church:

Do not lie to one another.

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another...

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION
 Within the church:

God makes no distinctions among people as we are prone to do.

Rich vs. poor; black vs. white; uneducated vs. educated; etc.

Colossians 3:9 **Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.**

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE APPLICATION
RECALL THE PAST

Apply the comparative principle. Recall the past.

Colossians 3:7 **In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.**

Look at then and now, reflect on what Christ has done for you.

Should I backslide to where I was once in regard to sin and lifestyle?

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION
 Within the church:

The family of God is unique.
 Only in the family of God can verse 11 be true.

We are to put to death sins that make us see people other than the way God does.

Put to death sins of superiority, prejudice, bias toward nationality, bias against cultural heritage, etc.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE APPLICATION
RECOGNIZE WRONG AND DO RIGHT

Don't classify sins as little, bad, and terrible.

Sin is sin.

Sexual immorality is wrong!
 Idolatry is wrong!
 Anger is wrong!
 Malice* is wrong!

*malice - the intention or desire to do evil; ill will.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE LOCATION
¹⁰which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

The old nature is gone.

Paul makes it clear that the new nature (self, man) is being renewed as God increases our knowledge and conforms us more and more to the image of Jesus.

The old nature was corrupt and decaying. But God is renewing the new nature as we do our battle with the still present remains of sin.

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LESSON 5A – DEALING WITH SIN
THE APPLICATION
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU ARE

You are a Christian!

Colossians 3:10 **and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

You are clothed in righteousness.

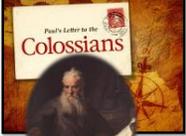
As a family member, a businessman, a young adult, act in accordance with who you are.

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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3: 12-14



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