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Colossians 3:9-11

Do Not Lie to One Another

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Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:5-8

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: 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.

Colossians 3:9-11

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.

Review v1-8

- V1 *If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above* (Seek out of desire-Heart)
- V2 *Set your mind on things above* (battle is in the mind-faith)
 - V3 Motive: *For you have died...life is hidden with Christ*
 - V4 Motive: *You also will appear with him (Christ) in glory*
- V5-8 *Put to death (kill) therefore what is earthly in you*
 - We must deal with sin at the root (heart/mind)
 - V5-8 progression of sin from heart/mind to action
 - If sin is not dealt with at the root, it will manifest in our walk/life
 - It isn't enough to just say no to sin, we must say yes to the superior promises we have in Jesus Christ

V9 Do not lie to one another

Command given: *Do not lie to one another*

- Lie: To speak deliberate falsehood, to deceive one
- We tend to minimize lying: “Little white lie”, “It won’t hurt anyone”, “Technically, I didn’t lie”, “I told a partial truth”
- Exaggerating is lying: “You **always** do that”, “You **never** do that”, Resume/Interview, Your version of events
- Any intent to mislead (less truth, more than truth) is lying
- If we are going to put lying to death, we cannot minimize our sin

V9 Do not lie to one another seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

Paul rightly associates lying with our “old self”

- If you are in Christ, you *have put off the old self* (v3)
- Outside of Christ, we are children of the devil
 - **John 8:44** *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
 - Lying is a practice of the old self. The old self was corrupt at heart, depraved, sin loving, God-hating, and lying is consistent with the old man.
 - If you're in Christ, you have put this (old self) off, and it's practices so don't lie (Be consistent with who you are now)
 - Paul is marking the sin of lying (he wants us to put it to death)

Biblical View of Lying

Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue...a false witness who breathes out lies*

Proverbs 12:22 *Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord*

Revelation 21:8 *But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur.*

Acts 5:3-5 *But Peter said, “Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...v4 You have not lied to men but to God” 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last.*

We are commanded not to lie, and we see that lying is consistent with our old self. Lying is an abomination to God, & He hates it.

V10 And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

The new self is *being renewed in knowledge* (mind/heart)

- God's eternal plan for your life is to conform you into the image of Christ (Rom 8:29, 1 Thess 4:3)
- This life-long process will NOT happen apart from "knowledge" from Scripture (John 17:17, 1 Peter 2:2)
- **Ephesians 2:13** *until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*
- Again we see that we cannot put sin to death by merely saying no. We must turn to the greater hope/promise in Christ
 - This comes through "knowledge" (This is where the battle takes place (mind))

11 Here there is not Greek & Jew, circumcised & uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, & in all.

Do not lie to one another:

- *Christ is all and in all:* Don't you know that Jesus is sufficient & we are all one in Christ?
- If we are one body, lying to one another hurts the whole
 - **Ephesians 4:25** *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.*
- The gospel unites all barriers that sinful man erects: race, cultural, social, economical, etc.
 - In fact, to be gospel consistent, those barriers do not exist (you are either in Adam, or in Christ)

Application

Why do we lie? We all lie (sin) out of desire

- In lying, we have been deceived to believe that the path of deceit will bring greater reward than the path of truth (Unbelief)
- We lie to promote ourselves or protect ourselves
- Acts 5-Ananias and Sapphira:
 - Motives: Desire to appear holy before men, fit in, gain approval of men
 - Satan was encouraging the lie (v3)-He was questioning God
 - What are they not believing? That Christ is sufficient
 - What about when we: Exaggerate w/ friends, resume/interview, get out of trouble
 - We must fight to believe God's love for you in Christ, and His goodness towards you in following His Word
- If I am renewing my mind in knowledge, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, I will be seeing and believing God's love towards me, and seeing my sufficiency in Jesus Christ, and thus turning away from sin (lying)