

# The Sanctified Self

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[0:00] This morning, well, a couple weeks ago, we went to California for a trip. It was great. And this morning, I was telling Stacey that I think my deep California tan is starting to fade.

Today, we're going to talk about seeing ourselves rightly. Okay. So anyway. So today, though, we are going to talk about the self.

Now, I'm not going to wade into like psychological gobbledygook or something like this, right? But I want to talk about the self in the way the Bible talks about our self.

So I'm pretty excited about this. My background is in psychology and stuff like that. So I can definitely wade off into places, but we won't go there.

We'll talk about the biblical self. But the first thing I want to talk about is this concept called sanctification. And sanctification, that's the principle I want to start with.

[1:09] And it is basically the once a person is justified and saved by grace, then for the rest of their life, they follow this process of growing to be more like Christ for the rest of their life.

And that process is ongoing work of God in our lives with the goal of looking more like Jesus. That's basically sanctification.

Now, sanctification is a cooperative work between God and us. So there are elements where we work together toward our sanctification.

Primarily, though, the Lord works in us. That's the primary. God has certain plans.

Philippians 2.13. It is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. That's God working in us.

[2:18] We submit, trust, and pray for his work and power in our lives. But primarily in sanctification, it's God doing this.

It's his purposes and his work. All of it truly is his purposes. But now we have an active and a passive role. So the passive role, Romans 12.1, present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

So there's a passive presentation. I'm presenting my body to God to allow him to do, as you know, the verse goes on to talk about his good will.

In passive, we are dependent on the Holy Spirit and his work within us. And we present, humble ourselves, lay down our lives, and then he works in us.

Now, we also, that's part of our side of cooperation in sanctification. The other part of ours is an active role. Philippians 2.12, therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence, but even more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

[3:39] Now, he does say work out your salvation, not work for your salvation. So we want to be clear, this is not a works-based mentality here, but it is working in what he had, in the grace that he's given to us in salvation.

There's directives throughout scripture. When it comes to our active role, all through scripture, we see directives. Live this way.

Do this this way. As he tells us what to do, we obey, because we love him. John 14.15, I think it is. If you obey him, or if you love him, you'll obey him. Well, that's our cooperative part. Wayne Grudem, he says, Here's an important point.

If we neglect active striving to obey God, we become passive, lazy Christians. If we neglect the passive role of trusting God and yielding to him, we become proud and overly confident in ourselves.

[5:00] In either case, our sanctification will be greatly deficit. We must maintain faith and diligence to obey at the same time.

So, these two flip sides, right? You can't have one without the other. So, if we just live in a sense that says, I'm just going to let God work on me.

He'll teach me everything I need to know. I don't need to really participate with that. He'll do everything. That produces a lazy Christian. On the flip side, pride can exalt in a believer's mind, in a Christian's mind, pride can exalt themselves to where they think they have to work for everything, which is counter gospel, counter grace.

So, sanctification, though, is important for our discussion today in Colossians. We must realize where the Bible is asking us to cooperate in the sanctification process.

So, we have to realize, okay, when is he telling me what to do? So, I know where to be obedient and where to follow what he's telling us to look forward with the goal of looking like Christ.

[6:17] We must listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts. We must examine the focus of our self, our self, and ask the hard questions about where your affections are directed.

So, today, I want to talk about the self out of Colossians chapter 3, if you'll turn there. Colossians chapter 3. Colossians chapter 3.

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We might call that the flesh. Our self also needs to be controlled and focused on things above.

So, let's read Colossians chapter 3. 3 through 1 through 11 is our text. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

[8:08] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you. Sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and toughness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming.

In these two you once walked when you were living in them, but now you must put them all away.

Anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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

Here, there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave-free, but Christ is all and in all. So the first thing is setting the self.

[9:22] Verses 1 and 2, he opens up there in verse 1 with this sort of a question, this if. If you have been raised, if you have been raised as a believer in Jesus Christ, and when his grace is imparted to you, you are raised with him to new life.

So that's where the new life comes from. But that's, he's talking to this crew in Colossae, who is a church, and he says, if you have been raised, he doesn't just automatically assume, number one, that his listeners or the readers right there, but also now that it's in the Bible, down through history, talking to believers, he doesn't assume that they've all been raised.

Because we know certain things about the church even, that there are weeds and there are tares, doesn't there are wheat and tares, I'm sorry, weeds and good fruit.

So there's these two things that both grew up in the church, and he doesn't take that for granted. He says, if you have been raised. Well, he continues, and as he talks about the self as we go, we can understand how to answer that if question.

It helps us. It helps us to see our own self in terms of being raised or not. So the first thing is seek.

[11:00] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. Seek here is a look to apprehend or lay hold of. More than just simply to discover something, you know, like a hide and seek.

Oh, I found it. It's something to apprehend and really take in. And the things that we seek to apprehend are the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

The things of the spirit, the mind of Christ, the things that are important to Jesus. That's what we want to apprehend. How he thinks. Obviously, it's in scripture.

And that's what we want to lay hold of. Seeing his heart, seeing his mind. That's what we want.

That's the things above.

The things of the spirit and the mind of Christ. His church, for example. Have you sought and apprehended the things above regarding the church and the church's importance?

[12:13] Have you sought those things? Its mission, our mission, the kingdom of God and all of life together. However, we have, that's our mission statement for Christ's church.

Seeking his kingdom first. Sharing those same kingdom priorities together. And we all do this together. Together. In open fellowship and open with each other. And the way that we communicate. What about the people? Have you sought Jesus on his heart for the church people? As we go about our work. Jesus is the head of the church. And so in seeking what he wants for the church. How the church should operate. How we should interact with one another. That's his heart. Now, when we lose it. As we'll see here in just a minute. Is when the old self creeps in. [13 : 23] So there's the new self. Which is what we were raised to be. In Christ. But the old self creeps in. In anger.

In malice. In selfish ambition. In this whole list that he gives here in just a second. That's when the old self creeps in. That's when no longer are we seeking Christ. And his heart for the church. Now it's something we think we should have for the church. Something the church should be. To either fit my mentality. Or what I know. Or whatever. We joke about the carpet a little bit. This is a beautiful carpet. I hope you enjoy the carpet. Especially visitors. Take it in. But each carpet square is different. And one of the jokes that sort of happened was. Because we have all heard of churches that fought over the carpet. [14 : 23] Well here. There is no fighting. Everyone's got one. Look at this. So like that's. That is when we lose track. The old man wants to jump in. And start to take charge.

And take away from. What Jesus has for the church. Even. Well what are the things above as well? Spiritual gifts and fruits. We seek as believers. The gifts and fruits of the spirit. And these are from above. Ephesians 4. 7 through 8. But grace was given to each one of us. According to the measure. Of Christ's gift. Therefore it says. When he ascended on high. And he led a host of captives. And he gave. Gifts to men. There's. There's. His heart. There's the things above. When he gives us the. The fruits of the spirit. And the spiritual gifts. That is an example. I mentioned going to California.

[15 : 20] And. We had an opportunity to go tide pooling. Has anyone ever done. Tide pooling. Like when the ocean goes out. And it's like all these rocks are there. And there's little animals.

And crabs. And sea anemones. That if you touch them. They sort of hold on to you. And it's really weird. Makes you jump. Well we were tide pooling. In Monterey. By Monterey. And. Stacy and I were scouring the pools. Looking for just. Eating. All kinds of fun things. Whatever. We could find. But one thing we weren't seeing. Was. Starfish. Which now. They're. They're called. Sea stars. Sea stars. Because we're woke. I don't know why they changed it. We always call them starfish. Now they're sea stars. We hurt their feelings. Anyway. So. We were looking for the starfish. And we couldn't find any. We were turning over rocks.

[16 : 14] We were looking. We kind of went out a little bit further. Where the. The water was a little bit deeper. Couldn't find any out there. We were asking people. Hey. Have you found any. Starfish out there? No. No. Well. I was looking on.

So we were seeking. The starfish. We needed. Needed to find one. And. So. We were out. On. On the beach part. And. And kind of looking through.

Sifting. You know. There's like seaweed. And there's all these little. Pieces of animals. And. Shells. And whatever. You know. On the beach there. And I'm kind of moving stuff around. And looking at it.

And I see. A starfish. The size of my thumbnail. This is probably smaller. This thing was a little tiny guy.

Just sitting right. Just one of them right there. I thought maybe there's like a whole crowd. I don't know. There was one. From found one. Sitting right there. And it was so exciting. Because we were seeking. This creature.

[17 : 07] And I didn't want to just look at one. I wanted to take him home. You know. I wanted this. I wanted. A nice big one would have been really cool. But. A little bitty one's fine. It's perfect. I wanted to apprehend.

This starfish. And I did. Got it. Ask. Seek. Knock. Is what Jesus says. Looking for the things.

That are on the heart. Of the risen Christ. Seek. To lay hold. Of things. Of God. Not simply. To read about it. Or gain knowledge.

Or things like that. See. Any one of us. Can. Can. Can. Study our Bibles. We can read. And we can understand. Because we're intelligent beings. We can all understand things.

There's. This difference. There's this. Laying hold. Of the truth. Laying hold. Of the fact. That he's sitting on the right hand of God. Laying hold.

[18:06] Of the fact. That. He died. For me. And for you. That he took. The sin of the world. And we have a place in glory.

Because our life is hidden in him. We understand that as words on a page. But there's a step further to apprehend it. And apply it.

Apply it in our hearts. Second thing he says. In. So the first thing is see. Second one in verse two. Set your minds on things that are above.

Not on things that are on the earth. Set your mind is a phrase. That's not three different words. That's a phrase in Greek.

It's phronel. And that phrase. Is to direct one's mind to a thing. To seek. Or strive for.

[19:05] There's. There's a. A. A deepness to that phrase. It. It's. Setting affections on. It's. It's that idea that I was just describing.

Laying hold. Of. The things of God. But. Set your mind. Is where you. Are. Focusing.

On. That one thing. Striving for it. In other words. It is. What directs the compass of our heart. It. It sets it. The true self.

If you will. Matthew 6. 21. Where your treasure is. There your heart will be also. Your treasure is your heading. What is it that you treasure?

That's your heading. That's your compass. That is what. You set your mind to. Whether. See. We do it. Whether it's good or bad.

[20:06] Because there's lots of times. We set our mind. To bad things. Something other. Than Christ. On the submarine. We had.

Digital headings. Like if you've ever boated. Or. Things like that. On the. On the water. You set a. Headings. And so. It's out of 360 degrees.

It's a circle. So. Chief of the watch. Make your. Make your heading. 250. 250. 250. 250. So that's how they would talk. You know. And then they would turn. They would make it 250. Well whatever they set.

On that boat. That's the way it's going. That's the way. The direction that that boat's going to head. Because that's where. The compass is set. Believers in Christ.

Set the heading for. The things. Above. We set it for the things about. Those things that we've sought. And apprehended.

[21:02] The truth. The reality. Of Jesus. We apply it. And then set our heading that way. Those things. Are how we.

Cooperate. In sanctification. Because it's a directive. You seek. You set your mind. Is what he's saying. You do this.

That's my part. That's my active part. In sanctification. I set my mind. I seek. Setting your mind is the realm.

Which governs us. And that realm. Includes. Flesh. Or spirit. The flesh. Or the spirit. Once the mind's direction is set.

The thought. Actions. And behaviors. And behaviors. Follow. Now you can hear. How bad. That can go. Right. If you set it toward the flesh.

[22:07] The contrast here. Is in verse two. Look at the end. Set your minds on things that are above. Not on things that are on the earth. It's either or.

One or the other. The differentiation between. What our hearts. Desire. And move toward. Is either. The earth. Or. The things above.

It's one or the other. There's not like a middle space. There's not an inner. Part here. Or a neutral. It's one or the other. I'm either choosing. My compass.

Or God's compass. How do you truly. Decide. What to set your heart on. Let's look at Romans eight.

Five through eight. Turn there with me. Romans eight. Five through eight.

[23:05] And he. Just expounds on this whole concept. Okay. For those who live according to the flesh. Set their minds. There's our phrase.

You know. Set their minds. On the things of the flesh. But those who live according to the spirit. Set their minds. On the things of the spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh.

Is death. But to set the mind on the spirit. Is life. And peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh. Is hostile to God.

For it does not submit to God's law. Indeed it cannot. Those who are in the flesh. Cannot. Please. God. Anything can drive our affections.

Even good things. Even good things. We can mess this up. We can. We can distort. Something that's good. I. This is.

[24:11] As I was thinking about this. Of. Of. Setting our hearts. And how we do that. And those kind of things. This. This silly thing. Maybe you've heard it before. Of.

What sparks joy. Have you ever heard this? There. There's a person. I forgot her name. Oh. What do you mean? Oh. Oh. Yes. Yes.

And. So. This. What sparks joy. Now. This is something. For tidying your. Space. Your home. Your. Whatever. Your car. Whatever space you need to tidy.

That's what she works in. Okay. So. She's not a theologian. Or something like this. I'm not trying to make that out to me. Um. But. I. I. I. I thought about that. That's what came to mind. So. I looked it up.

And. Basically. What sparks joy. So. It's a rule for tidying. And. This is what the method says. I'll read it straight off of. The website. I'm not teaching this. By the way.

[25:06] I have no idea. But this does. Or whatever. Okay. In the KonMari method. Your feelings. Are the standard. For decision making.

Specifically. Knowing. What sparks joy. To determine this. When tidying. The key. Is to pick up. Each object. One at a time. And ask yourself quietly. Does this spark joy?

Pay attention. To how your body responds. Joy is personal. So everyone. Will experience it differently. Through the process. Of selecting. Only those things.

That inspire joy. You can identify. Precisely. What you love. And what you need. Now.

Like I said. This is not theology. That she's. Purporting here. But I. There's a couple of things here. Is this silly? Or is it the way.

[26:02] We think. So. A couple of points. Number one. How often do we act on. Feelings. Instead of faith. How often do feelings.

Guide. How we interact. How often do feelings. Dictate to us. Where our compass. Is headed. What sparks happiness.

What feeds my anger. What makes me feel safe. How. How can I get back. Where does. Where do I get my revenge. On and on and on.

Those are the feelings. That can mess up. Our compass. Because it's earthly. It's the things of earth. You cannot let feelings. Dictate. Your true self compass.

Only. Truth. That's the only thing. What really kind of grabbed me here. Was her final thought. When acting on feelings.

[27:01] You can identify. Precisely. What you. Love. Where your treasure is. There your heart. Will be also. Right. If I act on my feelings.

Don't. Doesn't it betray. What I really love. If the feelings are. Negative. Or. If I pursue anything. Other.

Than the things that Christ. Would have for me. For his heart. It betrays me. It shows me exactly. How I'm off. Of where things aren't right.

Identifies. Precisely. What I love. And unfortunately. In those times. It's not Jesus. It's not the things above.

It's me. It's myself. If we go back to verse two. Set your minds. Your affections. Your true self.

[27:56] Your heart. On things that are above. Above. And not on the things. That are on the earth. We have an either or situation. Things above.

Or things of. Of the earth. What's on the earth? Let's differentiate here. We talked about. Fruits and spiritual gifts.

And. And the things. That. That matters. Jesus. What are the things on the earth then? Well. We've got. You. Which kind of trips us up right there.

That's probably one of the biggest. Things that trip us up. But you can't get rid of you. Right. Yourself. You have to deal with this. These are things that we have to do. We can't ignore. There's you. There's your family. There's your pride. Your fears. Your house. Your selfish ambition. On and on and on. Whatever it is that we.

[28 : 52] Take. And. Idolize. Over. The things of Christ. That's the earth. That's the things of the earth. And anything.

Can become an idol. With which we. Quote. Fall in love. With. Something other than Jesus. So if you set your affections. On things above.

Or things of the earth. That's the question. At least one of them. That I really. Need to answer. And I'm asking you. To answer. This is the one that I've.

That I've. Thought about a lot. As. As I've. Prepared this. For today. Is. Where are my affections. In each area. Of my life. What have I set my affections.

On. And where does it lead me. When I'm. When I'm. Not setting them. On the things. Of Christ. Above. Are you pursuing.

[29 : 47] What satisfies. Your feelings. Over truth. That selfishness. Is part of another. Self. Let's look at verse three. Of Colossians three.

There's a. A four. There. So he just. He says. Seek the things that are above. Where Christ is. Set your minds on things. That are above. Not on the earth. For. You have died.

Or you have died. And your life is hidden. With Christ. For. The reason we seek. And set our minds. On things above.

Is because we are dead. To the old self. And alive. In Christ. In the new self. For. That reason. What is the old self?

Romans 6. 6. We know that our old self. Was crucified with him. In order. That the body of sin. Might be brought to nothing. So that we would no longer.

[30 : 49] Be enslaved to sin. Colossians 2. 13. God made us alive. Together with him. In Galatians 2. 20. I have been.

Crucified with Christ. It's no longer. I. Who live. But Christ. Who lives in me. And the life. I now live. In the flesh. I live by faith.

In the son of God. Who loved me. And gave himself. For me. You have died. To death. John Piper said. My deadness. Has died.

Dichotomy. My deadness. Has died. Sin. Can no longer. Control you. We. We. Were. Dead. In trespasses. Or sin. Now. Alive. In Christ. But we still. Wrestle. With the flesh. We still. Have this. Directive.

[31 : 48] Part of our. Sanctification. Our growth. To look like Jesus. We still. Have this. Directive. That says. Set your mind. For now. Set your affections.

On the things above. Because. We wrestle. With the old man. Because we wrestle. With the old self. Who keeps wanting. To.

Get his saying. And. And lead us. And set that compass. Somewhere else. Well. Christ is my life. Look at verse. The second part of three. Well. Just three. For you have died. And your life is hidden. With Christ in God. When Christ. Who is your life. Appears. Then you also.

Will appear with him. In glory. Your life is hidden. With Christ. In God. If we go back to our. Galatians. 2. 20 verse. It's no longer.

[32 : 42] I who live. But Christ. Who lives. In me. If we look at. Jesus's descriptions. Thus far. In verses. One through four. And we look at.

How Jesus is described. First. Raised from the dead. In verse one. Jesus is alive. And seated. At the right hand. Of God the father. I have died.

My life is hidden. In the messiahs. My life is hidden. In his. Jesus. Is my life. And when Jesus appears. You also.

Will appear with him. In glory. Now these. Amazing. Realities. These. Beautiful expressions. Of grace. And love.

To us. These realities. Should make it easy. To obey. Easy. To set. Our minds. But if you do see.

[33 : 37] Jesus rightly. Or clearly. The things of earth. Will take. Or if you don't. See him. Clearly. The things of earth. Then will take precedent. So.

We. Again. There. There's the. The knowledge. We can read. Those verses. We can see. What Jesus has done. For us. But until. We. Bring that in.

Until we. Agree. In our hearts. And believe. We won't see him. Rightly. We'll read. Words on a page.

But that's not. Truly. Believing. And seeing. Right. And that's when. The things of earth. Take precedent. And it can take precedent.

In our. Personal lives. In our homes. In our churches. If all of our compass. Is off. What happens to the church?

[34 : 37] What happens to the body? What do we do. When. Uh. When others. When others. Exhibit their compass.

Being off. When others. Exhibit fruit. Of not. Taking. And laying hold. And seeking. The things above. And then setting their minds.

To it. What do we do? We help him. We preach the gospel. To him. We go back over this. Together. We encourage. We talk this.

We. We share about this. We fellowship. Regarding this. Right? We don't leave anybody. We don't let him go. What's our own personal responsibility? Well. There's.

There's got to be a point. At which. Uh. I realize. That. Uh. I'm off. That takes a bit. Of looking into my heart. Doesn't it? I have to realize.

[35 : 31] If. If I'm. If my compass is off. I start to see fruit to that. I can't pretend. That's not. That doesn't exist. That's when. I. Ask.

The Lord. What's going on. In my heart. Am I. Off. Am I. Am I. Finding that. I'm going my way. And not your way. Parenting is a great example.

I'm going to use parenting. Uh. Because I don't have any little ones here. Or whatever. So. No one can say. Whether I'm a good parent or not. My older ones.

I think they're pretty. Um. So parenting is a great example. Let me read some verses. Ephesians 6. 1 through 4. At least just parts of it. Children. Obey your parents in the Lord.

And then later he says. Fathers. Do not provoke your children to anger. But bring them up. In the discipline instruction of the Lord. Children. Obey your parents. Who. Who's that up to? Who makes that happen?

[36 : 32] Parents. Yes. Okay. Um. Hebrews 12. 7b. Through 8. For what son is there. Whom his father does not discipline. If you are left without discipline.

In which. All have participated. Then you are illegitimate children. And not sons. Psalm 103. 13. As the father shows compassion to his children.

So the Lord shows compassion. To those who fear him. See we're getting all these pieces in there. Proverbs 13. 20. There's way more than this. I'm just reading. If you. Proverbs 13.

24. Whoever spares the rod hates his son. But he who loves him. Is diligent to discipline him. And there's many more. Many more. Verses on parenting.

All throughout. And then tons of other applications. But. But just these truths. And these verses. Make our case. If they are. These truths. If they are. Neglected.

[37 : 27] This is what God says right here. But if we neglect. Those truths. Maybe. Wanting to be the child's friend. And not parent. Some of this will be.

Neglected. Maybe. Anger running rampant. And not having patience. And compassion. Like what God offers. Looking more like Jesus.

In that way. Maybe. Neglecting. Discipline. Including. Neglecting. Spanking. Maybe. A lack of consistency. These verses. All speak to. Consistency.

In parenting. In how we do that. What about. Parental laziness. All these things. This is an example. Of the mind. Being set. On the things. Of the earth. Not on the things. Of God. The beauty. And truth.

[38 : 24] Of Jesus. In our lives. Hidden in him. Is lost. Is lost. If. When we go to scripture. When we go to his word.

When we listen. To the spirit. When we. Work in community. And we hear. From a brother and sister. Speaking. Into our lives. This is.

Helping us. Set. Our. Our. Affections. Toward. The things above. We ought not to be mad at that. We ought not to fight that.

We ought not to find some way that. This doesn't apply to me. Right. We. We set. Our affections. On the things of God. We ought not to.

When we don't do that. Just using that parenting example. You've exchanged truth. For a lie. The truth is.

[39:21] This is how he says to parent. It's how he says to do it. If I get rid of that. Push that out. I've taken up a lie. Taken up something different. All together.

Why? Why would I do that? Why would I. Why would I. Make such a. Horrible. Decision like that. Well that particular question.

Has. So many tentacles. Into. Our lives. Of why we do the things we do. This again is.

Is why. It is. Important. To. Ask. The Lord. To show us. Where it is that. I'm focused on me.

I'm focused on the things. Right here. I'm living by sight. And not by faith. Lord. How am I doing that? How am I doing it? And there's a lot of stuff.

[40:15] That I turn a blind eye to. Because maybe I don't want. To look into it. Maybe I've protected that. For so long. And. And I've lived this way. For so long.

I've made excuses for it. And I don't want anyone. To really. Fight me on it. So I hold on to that. Verse 5.

In Colossians. What does he say to do? Put to death. Therefore. What is earthly in you? Put it to death.

Wow. Think about those words. I've shot deer before. And they die. You know. When you shoot them. But.

It's a life. Now that's for food. It's for those kind of things. Right. I'm careful with all this stuff. But it's a life. Think of this. Put to death. We're putting something to death.

[41:11] Those are strong words. How do I deal with these things. That are deep in my heart? How do I deal with the. The fruit of the. My. Eyes off of the things.

Above and on the earth. Put it to death. Put it to death. He gives a list there. Oh.

Wait. Let me. Let me see. Necrosate. So. We have. Froneo. Which is. Set your mind. A phrase. And here we have. Necrosate.

Which is. Put to death. So. It's another phrase here. That he uses. And so. It translates. Put to death. Or. I make to be dead.

Dead. I. Make to be dead. Right. My cooperation. Is sanctification. Right there. That's part of it.

[42:09] In the spirit's power. I put to death. What is earthly. In me. Holy spirit. Show me. Show me. Show me. These things. That. That. That. Have. Wormed.

Their way. Into my life. Into my behavior. Into my thinking. And it's. Mess me up. Help me. These things. In the old self.

Are so deeply rooted. I've protected. For so long. Uh. We were watching. Alone. Have you guys ever watched. Alone. That. Uh. TV show. Where they go out. And they.

Are alone. Anyway. Super appropriate title. Um. Anyway. They're out. In the. In the. Bush. And stuff like that. And. And trying to live. And win the game. But.

But a quote. Came up. On. Uh. We saw. The other night. And this quote. Came up. And Stacy's like. That'd be a great quote. For what you. I'm like. You're right. Um. Here's the quote.

[43:01] It says. Man is not what he thinks he is. He's what he hides. Now. Uh. Andre.

Metro. I don't know who he is. But. But this thought. There's a lot of humanism. To that thought. You could take it. A lot of different ways. But. If you think about. The sense.

Of our. Froneo. The sense of. Setting our minds. We can think. That we're something. But in all actuality.

It's what's hidden. That we are. Right. What's hidden. Well. It's our. It's our earthly desires. It's our internal. Compass.

That's. Oh. It's those kind of things. That we don't necessarily. Even see. But it's there. And it's driving us. Pray for willingness to hear.

[44:05] Are you willing. To hear. Are you willing. To hear. What might be difficult. To hear. About yourself. Are you. Are you willing. To hear. What.

The Holy Spirit. Speaks to you. Are you willing. To hear. What your community. Says to you. Are you willing. To humble yourself. When scripture. Jives.

With what everybody else. Is saying to you. Man. That is a place. Of humility. That's a place. Where we open. Ourselves up. To the fact. That we may be.

Off. That we may be. Sinning. That we may be. In a place. Where we are. Totally. Just looking. At the things. Of earth. And nothing else. Yes. And fooling.

Ourselves. Into thinking. That. We're something. That we're not. Sins that cannot. Coexist. With a mindset.

[45:00] On things above. Sexual immorality. Impurity. Passion. Which from Romans 1. We know that's. A disgraceful. Passion. Evil desire.

And covetous. Which is. Idolatry. The wrath of God. Will be demonstrated. On those. Who make. These things. Their God. In other sins.

You once walked. Verse 7. In these two. You once walked. When you were living. In them. But now. You must put them. All away.

Anger. Wrath. Malice. Slander. Obscene talk. From your mouth. Do not lie. To one another. To one another. Note how all these.

Sins. Can creep. Into community. Yeah. How they can wreck. How it can tear us apart. How it can divide. All of these things.

[46:05] if we aren't listening and we aren't careful to keep our eyes where they should be. These things will come in here and divide us.

One drop of poison spoils the whole glass of water. We don't want poison. We cannot have poison in the church.

Put these things far away from yourself, he says. You have put off the old self with its practice. And you have put on the new self.

This self is being renewed in knowledge. God is teaching you. It's that sanctification process. He's teaching you. He's speaking to you, guiding you, making you into his image.

The image of the creator looking like his son. That's where he's going with you. That's where he's taking. Paul notes there are no boundaries to this transformation, this sanctification in verse 11.

[47:13] There's no racial, cultural, social boundaries. None of that. None of that exists. All matter to God. We love others with his love.

And Jesus, if you look at the very end there, look at that last line. I think I heard it prayed two or three times already this morning. But Christ, who is all and in all, he is what matters.

He is the one that our eyes are on. He's the one that we seek to apprehend his thoughts. And then set our minds on those very thoughts.

Let's pray. Let's pray. Let's pray. Let's pray. Let's pray. Let's pray.