

Colossians: Together

Colossians 3:5-11

A cultural lie that we have adapted:
Motives are more important than actions or behavior.

Our actions reflect our motives.
Colossians 3:5-11; Matthew 5:28; Matthew 6:21

With regard to greed
Colossians 3:6-7

Things to be put away
Colossians 3:8-11; James 3:9-12

The Christian must kill self-centeredness and regard as dead all private desires and ambitions. There must be in his life a radical transformation of his will. Everything which would keep him from fully obeying God and fully surrendering to Christ must be surgically excised. — C.F.D. Moule

Considerations for the week

Consider the Moule quote given here.
What does it mean for us?

You once walked, v. 7. We speak of “our walk with Christ.” Can we walk with Christ and walk with sin at the same time? Why do we choose to walk with one at times and not the other?

Now put them away, v. 8. Describe the practicalities of putting these things away and the difficulties of keeping them put away. What does this say about our motives?

Do not lie to one another, v. 9. Consider the many ways we deceive and distort and fabricate, then tell ourselves we were not actually lying. How can we put to death the old earthly nature and habits?

A new self, v. 10-11. Notice that the past-tense is used. Explain how renewal comes about and continues in us.

Ask the Holy Spirit to impress upon you the need and desire to put specific matters away and to walk with Christ in renewal. Decide in advance to heed His manner of working in you this week.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



**Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which is idolatry.**

— Colossians 3:7, ESV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Isaiah 55

Acts 20:35

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Greeting one another

Hymn, *Worship!*

Hymn, *Jehovah*

Hymn, *Mighty to Save*

Hymn, *What a Beautiful Name*

Offertory

Reading

Special music

Better Than I Ever Thought

Message

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of response 349, *Trust and Obey*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Bratwurst or
chicken sausage, Greek potatoes, veggies, salad,
bread, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells
Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, May 17

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

We will observe the **Lord's Supper** today.
The bread served will be gluten-free.

Clothing Drive benefitting CCSC, now through May 18

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.