

WHO'S IN CONTROL?

HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS (PART II)

COLOSSIANS 3:5-9

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “Your body makes a wonderful servant but a terrible master.” Charles Price.

YOU TAKE CONTROL over your flesh. “Sex is not a recreational sport. It is God’s gift to marriage.” Charles Price. Idolatry or covetousness is setting your heart, not on Christ, but on other people, possessions, or things that you do not need. Your flesh has an insatiable appetite and knows no boundaries. You must put these sins to death by exercising control over your flesh. (Colossians 3:5, fn 3:5, I Corinthians 6:9-12, fn 6:9-11[2nd], James 4:1-4, fn 4:3, 4, Romans 13:8-14, fn 13:12-14) *What boundaries do you need to set to control your flesh?*

YOU HATE SIN. Jesus hates sin. He died for it. “Every reference in the New Testament on the subject indicates that God’s wrath rests upon and is reserved for the unbelieving.” R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews, Volume Two: An Anchor for the Soul, p.170. If Jesus hates sin, so should you. (Colossians 3:6, 7, fn 3:6, Ephesians 5:3-7, fn 5:5-7, Romans 1:16-20, fn 1:18-20[2nd], Romans 6:10-12, fn 6:11) *How could picturing Jesus dying on the cross help you to hate sin?*

YOU STAY CONTROLLED. Don’t let your flesh dominate you in trying to make you rule over others with the sins of anger, rage, malice, and lying. “Let God’s grace intercept your destructive behavior.” Hunter Gray. You get rid of these sins by habitually submitting yourself to the Holy Spirit and to one another. (Colossians 3:8, 9, fn 3:8-10, fn 3:9, Galatians 5:16-23, fn 5:17, fn 5:22, 23, Romans 8:5-14, fn 8:13, Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:1-5, fn 2:3) *For the next six weeks, how could you keep control over your flesh?*

According to this preparation how may we pray for you to be strengthened in your personal relationship with Jesus? How else may we pray for you?

