

## Colossians 3 ENCORE

- 1) Consider this statement from John MacArthur "Salvation is not a matter of improvement or perfection of what has previously existed. It is total transformation. The New Testament speaks of believers having a new mind, a new will, a new heart, a new inheritance, a new relationship, new power, new knowledge, new wisdom, new perception, new understanding, new righteousness, new love, new desire, new citizenship, and many other new things—all of which are summed up in newness of life (Romans 6:4). At the new birth a person becomes 'a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come' (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is not simply that he receives something new but that he *becomes* someone new. ... The new nature is not added to the old nature but replaces it. The transformed person is a completely new 'I.'" If this is true, why do Christians still struggle so with sin? Why are there hypocrites in the church? Why do we often still act like unredeemed creatures?
- 2) What does it mean to set your mind on things above (v.2)?
- 3) What does Romans 12:2 call this?
- 4) How important is your thinking in sanctification?
- 5) In practical, everyday terms, how does a Christian "put off" or "put away" wrong attitudes and habits (v.8-9)?
- 6) How do you put on the character qualities found in Colossians 3:12-13?
- 7) What does it mean to "put on love" (v. 14)?
- 8) What would the world say about a group of believers who were "doers" of this truth from God's Word?
- 9) In light of the teaching of this passage how do people grow?
- 10) How would God want you to change as a result of the teaching in this passage?
- 11) How accurately does your life reflect the holiness and goodness of God?