

LESSON XII.

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

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Col. 3: 1-15. (May be used as a temperance lesson.) Commit to memory vs. 1-4. Read Eph. 4: 17; 5: 24.

1. If (1) ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ (2) sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your (3) affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye (4) are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, who is our life, shall (5) appear, then shall ye also (6) appear with him in glory.

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, (7) inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, (8) which is idolatry.

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on (9) the children of disobedience.

7. In the which ye also walked (10) some time, when ye lived in (11) them.

8. But now ye also (12) put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, (13) blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his (14) deeds;

10. And have put on the new man, which is (15) renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him;

11. Where there (16) is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, (17) bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12. Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, (18) bowels of mercies, kindness, (19) humbleness of mind, meekness, longuffering;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a (20) quarrel against any, even as (21) Christ forgave you, to also do ye.

14. And above all these things put on (22) charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace (23) of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful.

Revised Version.—(1) If then ye were raised together with; (2) Is seated; (3) Mind on the things; (4) Died; (5) Be manifested; (6) With him be manifested; (7) Passion, evil desire; (8) The which; (9) The sons of disobedience; (10) Aforetime; (11) These things; (12) Put ye also away; (13) Railing, shameful speaking; (14) Doings; (15) Being renewed unto; (16) Cannot be Greek and Jew, and; (17) Bondman, freeman; (18) A heart of compassion; (19) Humility; (20) Complaint; (21) The Lord; (22) Love; (23) Of Christ rule. *Margin, arbitrate.*

GOLDEN TEXT

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."—Col. 3: 15.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Col. 3: 1-15. The new life in Christ.

T.—Eph. 4: 17-24. The new man.

W.—1 Thess. 5: 5-11. Children of light.

Th.—Eph. 5: 6-16. Walking in light.

F.—1 Peter 2: 1-9. Chosen to be holy.

S.—1 Peter 4: 1-11. Living to God.

S.—2 Peter 1: 1-8. A fruitful life.

LESSON PLAN

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

I. Risen With Christ, 1-4.

And therefore bound to seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

II. A Putting Off, 5-9.

Of the "old man" with his vile deeds.

III. A Putting On, 10-14.

Of the "new man," who is God-like.

IV. Ruled by Peace, 15.

The peace of God.

TIME

Written during Paul's first imprisonment at Rome about A.D. 62.

PLACE

Paul's prison house at Rome.

CATECHISM

Review questions 47-59.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 208, 221, 527, 565, 675.

CONNECTION

We have been following the history of Christ from His coming into the world to His resurrection from the grave. We are shown in this closing lesson how those should act who in Christ have died to sin and risen to newness of life.

EXPLANATION

1, 2. Risen with Christ. All who are born again of the Holy Spirit actually do rise with Christ. (Eph. 2: 5, 6.) **Those things which are above.** To live after the fashion of heaven. **Christ sitteth.** His work on earth ended, His reign in heaven begins. **On things above.** Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matt. 6: 21.)

3. For ye are dead. "Ye died" (R.V.). When they identified themselves with Christ on the cross, they died to their old life.

5-7. Mortify. Not injure the body, but

slay the sinful impulses of the soul and body. As mentioned below, these include all sinful passions and all desire for merely earthly things.

For which . . . wrath cometh.

God visits nations and individuals with chastisement who commit these evils. (Compare Rom. 1.) **In the which.** Before they knew Christ the Colossians had been guilty of these offences.

8. Put off all these, as you would put off an old and filthy garment.

9-11. Lie not. A very bad coat with which to go among our fellows. **The old man;** the old sinful nature. **The new**