# THE IMPERATIVE FOR THE CHANGED LIFE

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

1. **A FEW NOTES ON THE OVER ALL MECHANICS OF THIS SECTION (3:1-17)**
   1. There Are Three Strategic Occurrences Of "Then" / "Therefore"  
      1. Each One Triggers A New Thought Though They Build On Each Other
      2. Taken Together, They Teach That Christian Sanctification Is A Series Of Successive Steps That Progress Toward A Goal
   2. Some Of The Specific Arenas Of Change Regarding Various Roles In Life Are Then Listed & Expanded Upon (3:18-25)  
      1. It Affects Wives
      2. It Affects Husbands
      3. It Affects Children
      4. It Affects Parenting
      5. It Affects The Work Day World (Employers & Employees)
2. **THE FACT THAT GENUINE CHRISTIANITY IS THE EVIDENCE OF A CHANGED LIFE IS EVERYWHERE TAUGHT IN THE N.T.**
   1. Pauline Epistles (Hebrews)
   2. Peter, James & John
3. **PAUL PROVIDES AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF BOTH NEGATIVE & POSITIVE CHANGES THAT ALMOST ALL RELIGIONS & CULTURES RECOGNIZE AS DESIRABLE BUT WHICH CANNOT ATTAIN TO**
   1. Negatives (3:5-9)
   2. Positives (3:12-17)