

# NON CHRISTIAN SEXUAL & MATERIAL LIFESTYLES

## COLOSSIANS 3:5-7

### I. THE SEQUENCE OF APPLICATION THE APOSTLE GIVES IN DEALING WITH THESE KINDS OF SINS

- A. It Begins With One's Thought Life (3:2)
- B. It Extends To The Entirety Of One's New Life In Christ (3:3-4)
- C. It Specifically Impacts One's Bodily Members (3:5)
  - 1. Certain Activities Should Be Done With Forever
  - 2. Saved People Yield Their Members To Be Used For Righteousness Sake

### II. THE SINS TO WHICH THIS TEACHING MUST BE APPLIED

- A. Sexual Sins (3:5)
  - 1. *Fornication*: An Activity That Takes Many Forms
    - a. Originally Used For Lust That Was Bought And Sold
    - b. Became An Umbrella Word For Deviant Sexual Behavior
  - 2. *Uncleanness*
    - a. Originally A Basic Reference To Dirt / Filth
    - b. Became A Description Of The Character Of Immorality
  - 3. *Inordinate Affection*
    - a. Vile, Ungoverned Passion
    - b. Emphasis On that Which Was Commonly Forbidden
  - 4. *Evil Concupiscence*
    - a. Desire
    - b. Pursuit Of Evil Things
- B. Material Sin: *Covetousness* (3:5)
  - 1. Literally: "*To Have More*"
  - 2. Usually Grouped With Other Terrible Sins

### III. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THESE SINS

- A. They Exclude People From The Kingdom Of God
- B. They Are A Contradiction To The Christian Life