

# BLUE PRINTS

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## OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

### Message Title: **Growing People Change**

Colossians 3 :1-14 NKJV | Sunday AM, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 |

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1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as

Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

## **Introduction**

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### **1. Reset Your Focus – vs 1-4**

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**Look** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Be Ruthless with Your Sin – vs 5-8**

**Destroy What Brings** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Rely on God's Work in You**

**Because Of God's Work...**

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• **We Are \_\_\_\_\_ to Change**

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**Sermon Application Questions**

1. *What is it that most motivates you to change?*
2. *What is most striking to you about sharing your life with Christ?*
3. *Practically, how can we seek and set our minds on the things above? What daily habits can help the process?*
4. *Let's say you struggle with anger. Draw up a battle plan to put that anger to death. What should be included?*
5. *What is the difference between unity and uniformity? How does this relate to having unity in a marriage or in church?*
6. *Is it ever right to distance yourself from a person who has offended you, rather than trying to work things out? If so, when?*
7. *How can you love someone who has deeply hurt you? What does that look like? Is it always possible (see Romans 12:18)?*

**BE A DOER.** Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?