



MICAH
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Colossians series

Christ in you, the
hope of glory



CHURCH CLOTHES

Colossians 3:5-11

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DEAD PEOPLE WALKING

- There are **two** natures **warring** inside of us
- Baptism is a representation of **dying** and **raising**
- Conversion is more than saying a **prayer**
- There is a gap between **dead** and **dying**
- First step is to **admit** this nature is **in** us and we're **capable** of doing these things

OUR BODIES MATTER

- Gnosticism believed that **what you did in your body didn't matter**
- Today people think that we **can act like we want** and it not affecting our **relationship with God**
- Gnosticism promised **secret** knowledge
- Books like the secret **promising** we can have what we want if we have the **right knowledge**

GOD IS THE OWNER OF SEX

- Our sexuality and sexual desires cannot become **our sole identity**
- Pornography sets up **unrealistic expectations** on a sexual partner
- Both **singles** and **married** people struggle with this
- Getting married **won't cure** sexual lust and immorality!

THE LITTLE FOXES

- **Uncleanness** is using your body in a way that **defiles you and God**
- **Passions** can range from sexual passion to monetary passion
- **Evil desire** is to **lust** after what has been **forbidden**

THE STEALER OF CONTENTEDNESS

- **Covetousness** is the need and desire to **want more** even at the **expense** of others
- **Blinds** us to what we already have and is the **destroyer of contentedness**
- It is one of the **main reasons** why many in the church are so **unhappy**
- The world tells us we need **more constantly** - but what is the **cost**?

THE STEALER OF CONTENTEDNESS

- Paul talks about **covetousness being idolatry** in **Galatians, Ephesians and Colossians at least!**
- The **need for church growth** can hide covetousness
- The world tells us **we need more** constantly - but what is the cost?
- It's **demonic** because it takes away our **joy** of fellowship with God

THE STEALER OF CONTENTEDNESS

- Are we willing to give up **all** for the **Kingdom**?
- Many of us are from immigrant families and they came here to make better lives
- The kind of Christianity we were taught is **we have to wait for the new world** to enjoy God's blessings
- We have to find a balance between building better lives and the ability to change course

THE LITTLE FOXES PART 2

- God will **judge** these sins in due course
- Paul uses a greek philosophical tool to **identify less obvious issues**
- When did it become cool for Christians to **start swearing?**
- Lying is a **destroyer of relationships!**

THE LITTLE FOXES PART 2

- We must learn to be honest with each other especially **if we're carrying hurt**
- If we're in a relationship where we can't be **honest with each other** then it's **dysfunctional**
- **God's foundation is truth** and we're children of truth

IT'S THE SIN INNA ME!

- The word teaches us to **be honest with who we are and what we can do**
- If we grasp this we'll be more forgiving of others
- **We** will learn to speak to the **Child of God in that person** and not the sin nature
- God speaks to the **saint** while we're still **sinners!**

HOW GOD SEES IT

- **God speaks to our future selves** while we're still in the **present**
- We're quick to dismiss people - **but what you class as useless, God sees gold**
- **God** is already in the future **cheering your present self on.**
- When our **minds are transformed** we will see clearly

HOW GOD SEES IT

- We put on the new clothes when we decide to **fellowship with God and his people**
- This will be revealed in the **fruit we display**
- There will be **no growth** if we don't allow our minds to be **transformed**.
- God's blessings is more about how we relate to each other and him than any material blessings

WHEN EVERYONE PUTS ON THEIR CLOTHES

- It's not until **everyone puts on** their church clothes can this happen.
- The gospel cuts through race, gender and class without **dismissing the differences**
- It brings **all types** of people together
- God acknowledges your **differences and experiences**
- He brings us all together to form a rich **tapestry of experiences** which reflect the world