**Sermon Notes**

**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“Put To Death What Is Earthly In You”**

**Colossians 3: 5-11**

**Big Idea: True believers in Jesus take seriously the Bible’s call to kill sin in their life.**

**Two observations from the text:**

1. **Setting our mind on things above is propelled by what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about God.**
2. **Setting our mind on things above means putting off (putting to death) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Setting our mind on things above is propelled by what we believe about God.***

**What someone believes about God should in fact drive them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the product, not the basis of your relationship with God.**

***Setting our mind on things above means putting off (putting to death) sin.***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is most concerned about your holiness - about getting godliness in you and sin out of you.**

**A person’s outer life will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the inner reality of their status before Christ.**

**Putting to death that which is earthly in us will mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our heart and finding what motivates a desire in us.**

**A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believer in Jesus will have no home in the things that their God is wrathful against.**

**Six steps to help the believer put sin to death in their life:**

1. **Think honestly about what sin is (what *your own* sin is).**

**In order to kill sin in my life, I need to think honestly about how dangerous my own sin is.**

1. **Think deeply about Christ’s suffering for your sin.**

**When you think of Christ’s suffering for sin, understand that it was *your sin* that put Him on the cross and caused the wrath of God to be poured out onto Him in your place.**

1. **Consider the patterns in your life that lead you to fall into sin and take practical steps to guard against sin.**

**Seek to avoid or separate yourself from the occasions, habits, and patterns that are most likely to lead you to sin.**

1. **Meditate on God’s word and what it promises you in a new nature as a new creation.**

**Understand that the promise of being raised to new life in Christ are promises written to you. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that indwells and enables you to live in godliness.**

1. **Remember the grace of God that is yours in Jesus.**

**As you fight to put sin to death, you will win, but you will also lose at times. When you lose, remember that you are forgiven and made right by Jesus Christ’s work already done. Live in this grace.**

1. **Ponder what it will be like to be freed from your sin.**

***“Higher than the highest heaven, deeper than the deepest sea, Lord thy love at last will conquer none of self and all of thee.”***

Blanks: believe; sin; action; holiness; God; reflect; searching; true