

# God's Expectations for the Elect

**Part 2: Put to Death and Put Off  
Sinful Ways**

Put To Death

**YOUR MEMBERS WHICH ARE  
OF THE EARTH**

## Death to Earthly Members:

# The Meaning?

- The body/members are often equated with sin because sin works through them – Rom. 6:6; 7:24; 6:13
- Put to death?
  - Means to utterly slay, or destroy
  - How do you kill what is already dead (3:5, 3)?
  - Answer: The sanctified must grow in sanctity as the dead must grow in putting sinful things to death – 1 Pet. 3:15

Death to Earthly Members:

# Sexual Sins

- Fornication – illicit sexual intercourse, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, etc.
  - Generic term of all forms of sexual immorality
  - Its seriousness – 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 18
- Uncleaness – moral impurity, of all sexual sins – Gal. 5:19

Death to Earthly Members:

# The Source of Sexual Sins

- Sins of the heart and mind
  - Passion – depraved passion, lust – 1 Thess. 4:3-5
  - Evil Desire – all evil longings
  - Covetousness – Greedy desire to have more
- These ungodly thoughts and longings of the heart lead to sexual sins and illicit relations.
- We must put away the actions and the things of the heart that produce them!

Death to Earthly Members:

# Why So Vital?

- God's wrath comes upon those who commit these sins – 3:6
  - God's wrath is connected to His holiness – 1 Jn. 1:6
  - This wrath is coming *for sure!*
- These are the sinful ways of our past lives – 3:7
  - These ways characterize a life facing God's wrath!
  - God calls us to higher living in holiness – 1 Pet. 1:14-16

Put Off

# THE DEEDS OF THE OLD MAN

Put Off:

## “All These” Sins

- To “put off” means to remove something and lay it aside – 2:11
- Anger – indignation, wrath, temper, violent emotion
  - Same word used of God’s wrath and Jesus’ anger – Col. 3:6; Mk. 3:5
  - Not all anger is sinful – Eph. 4:26
  - Anger that must be rejected is anger from personal resentment and focused on revenge.

Put Off:

## “All These” Sins

- Wrath – anger that boils up quickly becoming vengeful.
- Malice – evil intentions to bring injury
- Blasphemy – slander, detraction, injurious speech (here likely to others, not God)
- Filthy language – obscene language, abusive language.

## Put Off:

# Lying to One Another

- Lying – deception by words or actions
- Paul deals with it in special fashion.
- This is directed toward brethren because of our special relationship – Eph. 5:25
- Why we should reject it:
  - It is of the old man of sin – 3:9b
  - We have put on the new man – 3:10; 2 Cor. 5:17
  - We are all one in Christ – 3:11
  - It has eternal consequences – Rev. 21:8

# Conclusion

- God expects our lives to change drastically.
  - Because we have died, we can't be drawn away by things of the earth leading to sin.
  - Because we have put on the new man, we must put off old ways of sin.
- We must take care to assure that sinful things of our lives are properly disposed of!
- To do otherwise is to live in the ways of death.