

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for May 31 - June 1, 2003**

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**"Pursuing God with Our Will: Putting Off"**

**Colossians 3:5-11**

Colossians 1 grounds the church in truth.

Colossians 2 guards the church from error.

Colossians 3:1-17 grows the church in relation to God.

**1. How to consider ourselves in our cravings (3:5-7)**

a. We must reckon to have no feelings toward our cravings.

b. We must recognize God's feelings about our cravings.

c. We must remember our former feelings for our cravings.

**2. How to conduct ourselves in our conversation (3:8-10)**

a. What speech must be put aside

b. Why the speech must be put aside

1) Because our old self has been laid aside.

2) Because our new self has been put on.

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### **3. How to connect ourselves in our church (3:11)**

a. In Christ, we are all one (*Christ is all*)

The emphasis of 3:11 is the unity of the Gentile church with the Jews (cf. Ephesians 2:11-22).

The church should not distinguish between:

- Ethnic groups ("Greek")
- Religious backgrounds ("Jew")
- Past religious practices ("circumcised")
- Lack of past religious practices ("uncircumcised")

*Christ is all!*

b. In Christ, we are all able

The emphasis of 3:11 is also the unity of the Gentile church with the disadvantaged.

The church should not distinguish between:

- Lack of education ("barbarians")
- Past evil practices ("Scythian")
- Economic status ("slaves")
- Social status ("freemen")

*Christ is in all!*