

January 28, 2018
Colossians 3:8-11

Dress Appropriately

Review vv. 5-7

Kill sin in your body

Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires & greed

Why?

God's wrath comes because of these things

These things belong to our old way of life

Rid Yourselves of these v. 8

Now – in contrast to the life we once lived (v. 7)

“Rid yourselves” – or – “put off” – or – “take off”
Used of removing clothing.

God doesn't want his children dressing their character
in “clothes” that belong to our old way of life.

“All things such as these” – not an all-inclusive list

Specifically, rid yourselves of...

Anger – (*Ephesians 4:26*)

Rage – (*James 1:19-20*)

Malice –

Slander – (*James 3:9*)

Filthy (abusive) language – (*Ephesians 5:12*)

Do not lie... v.9

The New Self v. 9b-10

The New Community v. 11

Questions for Discussion

1. Share a time when you ended up being embarrassed because of something you were wearing.
2. Why do we so often take a lot of time deciding what to wear and spend so little time deciding how to dress our character?
3. Anger, left unchecked, destroys. What are some strategies for getting rid of anger (cf. Eph. 4:26)?
4. Why do you think people's rage and God's righteous life are incompatible (cf. James 1:19-20)?
5. How does slander destroy? Why is it that this has no place in the lives of Jesus' followers?
6. How does our language betray what is in our hearts (cf. Matthew 12:34)?
7. Explain why telling the truth is so important to God (cf. John 8:44).
8. With which of these do you struggle the most?