

COLOSSIANS 2:20 - 3:17

Paul is writing a letter to a church he has **never met** (1:4), so he wants to make a big impact with this letter, telling them what it means to be a **genuine follower** of Jesus. (1:21, 2:6, 2:10, 2:13, 2:20, 3:1)


This passage marks the switch from **theological** to **practical**. Paul uses a series of **contrasts** to make his point.

- 2:20 – **died** with Christ
- 3:1 – **raised** with Christ

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- contrast

- 3:1 – set your **heart**
- 3:2 – set your **mind**

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- compass
point

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 - 3:2 – set your mind
 - 3:5 – put to death
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- compass
point

- 3:1 – set your heart → compass point
- 3:2 – set your mind → compass point
- 3:5 – put to death → Life/death

- 3:9 – put off the **old self**
- 3:10 – put on the **new self**
- 3:12 – put on
- 3:14 – put on **love**

- 3:9 – put off the old self
- 3:10 – put on the new self 3x emphasis
- 3:12 – put on
- 3:14 – put on love

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- 3:1 – set your heart
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2 different entities of you
a determined destination

Action needs to
be taken

The **words used** in this passage
(*seek, set, put on, put off, etc.*) are
commands. **ACTIONS!**

All of the above **does not** **happen** on our own. Man made **regulations** lead to man made **religion** which has the **appearance** of **wisdom** (23), but does nothing in bringing about **real life change**.

This only happens with complete
surrender to Jesus!