

## First, Our Relationship with God

### Description

Colossians 3:1-11.

Any change that happens in the world must first start with us. Colossians claims that true change happens from a life that is surrendered to Christ. It is through this transformation that we are changed into a person capable of living fully into the kingdom of God. The first step toward healthy relationships is a healthy relationship with God.

John Wesley was known for his call for Christians to live holy lives. Wesley would challenge his followers to awake each morning and allow God to examine their hearts. Each morning, they would ask God to show them anything that was not of God that had taken hold of their lives. As God revealed portions of their lives where they were still living in the old way, they would give those parts to God, allowing God to transform them.

This is the life Colossians calls us to. We are to challenge ourselves each day to allow God to throw off our old nature and replace it with God's newness and be further drawn into the holiness of God. This allows us to see our other relationships through the eyes of Christ. May we be faithful to this task.

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