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CMPC Sermon Notes for February 9, 2020

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Series: Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ

Message: Learning to Love Again

Text: Colossians 3.1-7

- The moon... 238,900 miles... 24 hour round trip at 20,000 mph
- Alpha Centauri... 4 light years away
- The edge of the observable universe... 46.5 billion light years away
- Sanctification is very much about learning to love again- God's way.

The Target, 3.5

- The task: kill
- Sins then and now
- Sexual immorality
 - Most abusive, twisted sin involving love
 - Any sexual activity outside the husband/wife relationship.
 - God created the sexual relationship to be an intimate, special one that is shared by two people who have committed their lives to one another in the presence of God.
- Cultural battle: kill the desires
 - Impurity: dirty-mindedness
 - Evil desires: lust
- Sexual immorality
 - Does not please God
 - Does destroy us
 - Starts with what we think and want, 3.1-4
- The web of pornography
 - Addictive; impacts the way the brain thinks
 - Covenanteyes.com for help
 - Also protects your family
 - Stop exposing your mind to...
- Guard the situations you find yourself in
 - Run
- Not legalism, wisdom
- The two women of Proverbs
 - Prostitute and Wisdom
- The stakes are high
- Job's strategy: Job 31.1
- God's forgiveness for the fallen, Psalm 32
- Covetousness
 - wanting something somebody else has that is not available to me.

- The great danger is that our love for the things of this world will replace our love for the things of God and God Himself; both cannot be a priority.
- We have to be careful not to have those possessions and good things as the focal point of our lives.

Incentive, 3.6-7

- The wrath of God
- A holy God cannot look on sin
- This is how you use to be... but no longer are
 - Don't be smug!
 - A Christian is someone who is becoming what they are

93-year-old JI Packer's Testimony

- We are called to holiness and are promised all the enabling and empowering that is needed to achieve holiness.
- We must recognize that God is great and all powerful and ready to help while "I am weak" and in need of His help especially when trying to mortify sin.
- Ask God to enable me to see my sin as He sees it.
- God sees sin as... "something very ugly."
- As the word of God exposes my sin to me, I must ask the Lord to direct the Holy Spirit to drain the life out of sin – to break my desire to sin. I must pray regularly along these lines for the Holy Spirit to work.
- I never get to the end of mortifying sin because the remnants of sin in my heart are still active even though they are no longer dominant.
- If the Father and the Son in mercy show their love to me and draw out of me grateful love to them, if at the same time the Spirit makes me aware that my sinful habits are what they are and that each one of them are anathema to God, and God wants to see the last of it, then through the power of the Holy Spirit He can actually bring that to pass

So What About Us?

- Killing sin with love