**CHAPTER 3**

*He exhorts them to put off the old man, and to put on the new. The duties of wives and husbands, children and servants.*

**1** Therefore if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above; where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.

**2** Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth.

**3** For you are dead; and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**4** When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with him in glory.

**5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, lust, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is the service of idols.

**6** For which things the wrath of God cometh upon the children of unbelief.

**7** In which you also walked some time, when you lived in them.

**8** But now put you also all away: anger, indignation, malice, blasphemy, filthy speech out of your mouth.

**9** Lie not one to another: stripping yourselves of the old man with his deeds,

**10** And putting on the new, him who is renewed unto knowledge, according to the image of him that created him.

**11** Where there is neither Gentile nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian nor Scythian, bond nor free. But Christ is all and in all.

**12** Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy, and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience:

**13** Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another: even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also.

**14** But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection:

**15** And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful.

**16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God.

**17** All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**18** Wives, be subject to your husbands, as it behoveth in the Lord.

**19** Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter towards them.

**20** Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

**21** Fathers, provoke not your children to indignation, lest they be discouraged.

**22** Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh: not serving to the eye, as pleasing men: but in simplicity of heart, fearing God.

**23** Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men:

**24** Knowing that you shall receive of the Lord the reward of inheritance. Serve ye the Lord Christ.

**25** For he that doth wrong shall receive for that which he hath done wrongfully: and there is no respect of persons with God.