

**Series:** *Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ*

**Part 2:** *Living out the Sufficiency of Christ (chapters 3-4)*

**Lesson:** *All Wrapped up in Jesus, Part 2 -  
Our Behavior*

**Text:** Colossians 3:5-11 (L10)

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### INTRODUCTION

In Part 2 of Paul's epistle to the Colossians, Paul begins to apply our firm belief in the sufficiency of Jesus Christ to our daily lives. We can summarize this application with one thought: wrap yourself up in Jesus. Or, to use a longer summary: "You do what you do and you say what you say (3:5-4:6) because you think what you think (3:1-4); you think what you think because you believe what you believe about Jesus Christ (1:1-2:23)." As our life (1:1-2:23) and heart (3:1-4) are wrapped up in Jesus, so should be our behavior (3:5-4:6).

If Jesus doesn't have our heart, He probably doesn't have our behavior, either. If He does have our heart, then He is transforming our behavior, as we cooperate with His grace in discipleship (cf. Titus 2). It's been widely noted, "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action; reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character reap a destiny." Those who are wrapped up in Jesus cannot afford to be cavalier about their behavior. We must focus on our behavior as a microcosm of who we are, and work to see our practice match our profession, that our entire lives might give credence to a Christ who is sufficient to save.

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOCUS ON YOUR BEHAVIOR (vv. 5-7)

1. *Some behavior is* \_\_\_\_\_ *(v. 5)*

2. *Some behavior is* \_\_\_\_\_ *(v. 6)*

3. *Some behavior is* \_\_\_\_\_ *(v. 7)*

**Application:**

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOCUS ON YOUR BEHAVIOR (vv. 5-10)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *your sin (vv. 5a, 8a).*

• Two imperatives:

• How do we fail to earnestly and actively "fight" against sin?

2. *Focus on both the* \_\_\_\_\_ *and the* \_\_\_\_\_ *(vv. 5, 8-9a).*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ *to yourself (vv. 5, 9-10).*

**Application:**

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF FOCUSING ON YOUR BEHAVIOR (v. 11)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *in Christ*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ *to Christ*

**Application:**

### CONCLUSION

If our destiny is to be recreated into the image of Christ unto the glory of God, then our behavior is important. After all, "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action; reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character reap a destiny." As our life is already wrapped up with Jesus (1:1-2:23), so should be our heart (3:1-4) and behavior (3:5-4:6). Cooperate with Christ in His salvation, by aggressively dealing with that behavior which undermines His sufficiency and blasphemes His glory. Wrap yourself up in Jesus Christ!