

LYING, GOSSIP, BITTERNESS, AND RACISM

Colossians 3.6-14

THE BILLBOARD OF OUR HEART

Colossians 3.6-14 // Ephesians 4.29, 5.4-21 // James 3.1-12
Matthew 15.17-20 // Proverbs 12.18, 13.3, 10.19, 17.27

Sometimes you can just remain silent.

-Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

SIGNPOSTS OF OUR SIN

- **Lying:** Psalm 59.12 // Proverbs 12.22

Satan's native language is Lying.

-Jesus, John 8.44

- **Manipulation:** Psalm 55.20, 21 // Proverbs 11.1
- **Gossip:** Proverbs 11.13, 16.28, 17.9 // Exodus 20.16
- **Putting Down, Criticism:** Proverbs 12.18
- **Talking Foolishly, Cursing:** Proverbs 11.22, 14.7, 25.28
- **Complaining, Negativity, Cynicism:** Proverbs 22.9, 27.15, 16, 21.9
- **Bitterness and Anger:** Proverbs 22.24

**Resentment is like taking poison and
hoping the other person dies.**

-Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

- **Racism:** Colossians 3.11 // Ephesians 2.14, 6.9 // Galatians 3.28
Revelation 14.6 // Matthew 28.19, 20

HOW TO CHANGE

Our faults are doorways for God's grace.

Proverbs 15.1, 25.28, 27.6 // Titus 1.2 // Colossians 4.6 // 1 Corinthians 15.33
2 Timothy 2.22, 23 // Romans 12.1, 2

God's native language is Truth.

-Jesus, John 17.17

Your mom always used to say, "you become who you hang out with!" And she is right! Our minds need to be renewed and changed daily, as we are steadily transformed and conformed into the image of Christ. We do this by spending time with Christ, immersing ourselves in His language, which is Truth.

Stop talking to yourself, and start preaching to yourself.

NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

A sermon from Pastor Mark Driscoll on the 9th Commandment: You Shall Not Lie
www.marshall.com/media/ten-commandments-set-free-to-live-free/ix-do-not-lie

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Colossians 3.6-14 // Matthew 15.17-20 // Proverbs 12.18, 13.3, 10.19, 17.27
Tuesday: Psalm 59.12 // Proverbs 12.22 // John 8.44 // Psalm 55.20, 21
Wednesday: Proverbs 11.13, 16.28, 25.28, 22.9, 27.15 // James 3.1-12
Thursday: Colossians 3.11 // Ephesians 2.14, 6.9, Galatians 3.28, Revelation 14.6
Friday: Proverbs 15.1 // Titus 1.2 // Colossians 4.6 // 2 Timothy 2.22, 23 // John 17.17
Saturday: Ephesians 4.29, 5.4-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GPS MEETING NOV 25TH!

Join us on **Monday the 25th at 7PM** here at the church for our quarterly GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy) Meeting. We'll have a time of worship, prayer, and looking ahead to see where God is moving us forward as a church. Childcare will be provided. Please let us know if you plan to come and what your childcare needs are, by **filling out the green Connection Card** and dropping it in the offering or at the Connection Booth in the courtyard.

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

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Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Reading Plan
Chapter 8, pages 105-125



SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Colossians 3.6-14**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

Of the list of "verbal sins" we can commit, which is the one that is most challenging or convicting? Why do you think you are prone to it? In other words, read **Matthew 15.17-20**. Going on last week's study on idolatry, what idol in your heart is being worshiped that is causing these verbal sins? _____

Read **James 3.1-12**. What particularly sticks out to you in these verses? _____

So often we do as James says, we speak blessing and curse out of the same mouth, often in the same day, same hour, or even same sentence! What does this tell us about our heart, and what hope do we have if this is true? _____

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned how things like complaining and bitterness reveal to us how much we may or may not understand and actually believe the Gospel. Why do you think that is? _____

When you think of the particular sins you battle, and what they pertain to (for instance, who do you gossip about or what do you complain about), what part of the Gospel do you think you are having a hard time believing? _____

Our failures can (and should) always be used as doorways to God's grace. Explain what you think that means, and how you can utilize that truth when it comes to the verbal sins you are dealing with. _____

What does Paul say in this Colossians text that is the key to putting off this particular sin? _____

Read **John 17.17, 8.32**, and **1 Thessalonians 2.13**. What do these verses tell us on how we can pick up the "accent" of God's native language, which is truth? _____

Spend some time as a group, going around where each person shares something they have been learning about Christ and the Gospel, or giving God thanks for something God has done. Let's put into practice the command Paul gives us in verses 12-14.