

- I. We can have a new perspective on life (v. 1-4)
  - A. We look at life with a heavenly perspective
  - B. We think about life with the mindset of Christ

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

- C. We live a life that is centered on Christ

“For to me, to live is Christ.” (Philippians 1:21)

- D. We look forward to future glory with Christ

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” (Romans 8:17)

- II. We can have a new perspective on sin (v. 5-9)
  - A. We must destroy the earthly sinful desires

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.” (Romans 6:12)

1. Sexual immorality: sexual activity outside of God’s will
2. Impurity: Any moral uncleanness
3. Lust: A strong desire of a sexual nature
4. Evil desires: Mentally wanting what is evil
5. Greed: Desiring what belongs to someone else

- B. We must throw away the sins that plague us

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

1. Anger: Smoldering anger beneath the surface
2. Rage: Selfish outbursts of anger
3. Malice: An attitude of ill will toward another
4. Slander: Speaking evil of another

5. Filthy language: Speech that does not honor God

III. We can have a new perspective on self (v. 10-11)

A. The old self is dead and should not be revived

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

B. The new self is alive and found in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

C. The new self is growing in a deeper knowledge of Christ

D. The new self is being transformed into the image of God

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)