

R.I.P. The Old Road

Colossians 3:1-10

1If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

In order to build a new road, you have to first rip up the old road.

God desires to do a new thing in you, but first he's got to rip the old thing out of you.

Colossians 3:5

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...”

In order for God to rip some things out of you, you've got to be willing to say R.I.P to those things inside of you.

How Do I Rip Up the Old Road?

1. Reveal

Colossians 3:5, 8-9

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Colossians 3:2

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”
When you develop a heavenly mindset, the things of this earth will lose its appeal.

2. Remove

If we don't remove the old road on the inside, we will begin to crack on the outside.

3. Replace

If you just reveal and remove, but you don't replace, you're just left with a dirt road.

Colossians 3:12-14 ESV

12 “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”