*Northwest Bible Church - March 16, 2008 - Worship Service - Alan Conner*

Col. 3:5-9

*Spiritual Suicide*

Intro

**I. THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL SUICIDE (3:5-7).**

**A.**Is there inconsistency with Paul?

**B.**What is spiritual suicide?

1) It is the killing of sin in our life. Cf. Mt. 5:29-30.

2) How do we kill sin?

a) Take the life out of the sin, by saying NO to it.

b) Rely upon the Spirit. Rom. 8:13

 c) Must be a repeated event. Gal. 5:17

**C.** What is to be put to death? These sins are generally sexual sins and greed.

Immorality -

Impurity -

Passion -

Evil desire -

Greed/idolatry -

**D.** Why should we commit spiritual suicide on these sins?

1) The wrath of God (v. 6

2) Keep the past in the past (v. 7).

II. THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL DISROBING (3:8-9).

The word "put them all aside" refers to taking off a garment and discarding it.

A. How do we throw off these sins?

B. What sins should be cast from us?

Anger -

Wrath -

Malice -

Slander -

Abusive speech -

Lying -

CONCLUSION