

The Old Creation vs. The New Creation

Living a New Life—Laying Aside the Old Man and Putting on the New Man

Message Three

The Old Man in the Old Creation

i.¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. Ephesians 4:17-19

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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 Colossians 3:5-9

The root of this old, corrupt nature is sin that corrupted God's created human race

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—Romans 5:12

The First Man vs. The Second Man

⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:45–47

The Old Man—the man of dust

i. As defined by God's first creation (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)

i. Adam

ii. Dominated by soul "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"

iii. Corruptible

iv. Dishonorable

v. Weak

vi. Mortal

vii. Earthy and dusty

viii. Soulless

The growth of the man of dust

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The old man is being corrupted

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, Ephesians 4:22

“is corrupt” in Greek is the is present passive participle, “being corrupted”

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The New is Really New

- i. As defined by God's second creation (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)
 - i. The second man, Christ, who was also the last Adam
 - ii. Dominated by spirit. "The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit"
 - iii. Incorruptible
 - iv. Imperishable
 - v. Glorious
 - vi. Powerful
 - vii. Eternal
 - viii. Heavenly
 - ix. Spiritual

The New Life

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:25–32

The New Life

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing 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. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12–17

We arrive by putting off the old and putting on the new

*²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—
²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:20-24*