

The Intentional Living in the New Man

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

Message Five

Intentional new man living requires

- Learning Christ
- Being taught in Christ to put off the old and put on the new
- Being taught in Christ as we realize the truth is in Jesus
- Being renewed in the spirit of our mind

We must learn Christ

- *²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!*—Ephesians 4:21
- This is not merely to learn about Christ or to learn what Christ did.
- To learn Christ is to grow in an experiential union with Him.
- When we learn Christ, we must understand and experience how vast He is. He is the last Adam and the Second Man. He is the Head and body, He is the Alpha and Omega, and He is the eternal One, the Savior, the Lord, and the resurrected One. Learning Him is to know Him in union with Him.

We are taught in Him to put off the old and to put on the new

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Ephesians 4:21-24
- The more we are taught in Jesus Himself the more we can truly experience putting off the old and putting on the new.
- When we are taught in Him, we understand the place of the old creation, the new creation, and our participation in these realms.

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- Putting on is the same Greek word as putting on clothes (Matthew 6:25) and is used to describe putting on immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53-54). It is to put on the realm of the new man in the new creation, which includes a new living and a new community.
- Putting off is laying aside the old realm of the old man. In Ephesians “putting off” is the same Greek word used for laying garments at the feet of Saul (Acts 7:58). In Colossians “putting off” is the same Greek word for how the spiritual rulers and authorities were stripped off when Jesus was on the cross (Colossians 2:15).

We must be taught in Him (Christ) as the truth is in Jesus

- *²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, Ephesians 4:21*
- Truth is the reality of God and all His eternal works, including His works in the old creation and the new.
- As we learn the truth that is in Jesus, we understand how the reality of all things of God are in Christ.

A key to putting on the new is to be renewed in the spirit of our mind

- ²³*and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,* ²⁴*and to put on the new self*

Ephesians 4:23–24

- The spirit is key as our source of this experience
- The mind is crucial because we must be conscious of the change in order to live it out
- This renewal is a continual process, as indicated by the present tense of the infinitive “to be renewed.”

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