

# LIVING A NEW LIFE

*Laying Aside the Old Man and  
Putting on the New Man*

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## MESSAGE ONE

### The Change described

- I. Overview: Jesus causes our life to change when we receive Him and grow in Him. The best way to describe that drastic change is to study the difference between the old man and the new man as described in the New Testament. Seeing God's new creation in His new man helps us answer questions like:
  - a. Do I change from my old life to the new automatically, or do I need to intentionally choose to change?
  - b. What does the new life look like?
  - c. Why does my old life sometimes feel so powerful when I fall backward to the old?
  - d. How do I grow in my new life?
- II. We will see that living in the new man
  - a. Is based on Christ's death on the cross, where he created the new man
  - b. Involves leaving behind our old life—putting off the old man, which is being corrupted because it is connected to the old creation
  - c. Involves putting on a new life—putting on the new man, which is being renewed continually by God
  - d. Is intentionally maintained by us being continually taught in Christ to put off the old and to put on the new. On the one hand, putting off the old man and putting on the new man are finished works in us. On the other hand, we must continually apply these as we are taught in Christ.
  - e. Is empowered by Christ and our present, real experience of “learning Christ”
  - f. Involves continually being renewed in the spirit of our mind

- g. Brings us into God's profound work of ending the old creation by sowing it into the ground and growing the new creation in resurrection
- h. Is not individualistic, but involves community where there is no Greek or Jew, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free etc. Here, Christ is all and in all.
- i. Results in us treating others in an entirely new way: with forgiveness, love, kindness, and words that build up and give grace
- j. Results in a community where members allow the word of Christ to dwell in them richly so they can teach and encourage one another as all seek to honor the Holy Spirit who is sealing them
- k. Is living in a realm where we thank God the Father, enjoy the peace of Christ the Son, and seek not to grieve the Holy Spirit as we build up fellow believers in a harmonious life in one body

### III. Central verses

- a. *<sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24*
- b. *<sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:9-11*
- c. *<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has*

*broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility<sup>45</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, Ephesians 2:13-15*

- d. *<sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:46–49

## MESSAGE TWO

### Christ Created the New Man on the Cross

- I. Overview: We were once far off, separated from Christ, and strangers to God. Christ brought us near and ushered us into the new man through His death. Now we enjoy access to the Father with other believers. Now we are of God's household and are ready to be built up as a dwelling place of God in Spirit.
- II. The story of the creation of the new man in Christ on the cross shows us the following.
  - a. We were once far off, strangers to God's covenants.
  - b. We have been brought near in the blood of Christ.
  - c. On the cross, Christ broke down every barrier and created us in Himself into one new man.
  - d. Now we all have access to the Father in one Spirit through the Son.
  - e. We are now of God's household and fellow citizens with the saints.
  - f. We now can be built upon the apostles and prophets as God's dwelling place in spirit.
- III. Central verses
  - a. *<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of*

*commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.<sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:11–22

## MESSAGE THREE

### The Old Creation vs. The New Creation

- I. Overview: The purpose of this message is to see the difference between the old creation and the new creation. The first creation was made by God, headed up by Adam, and was corrupted by sin. It is expressed today as fallen humanity (which includes corrupt society) and is characterized by the human soul. God's new creation is created by God according to the image of Christ. It is continually being renewed and is defined by spirit. It is expressed in a new living among believers who are full of virtues and the living word of God, as well as honoring the Holy Spirit. The old creation and new creation are two realms, which are theologically profound, and at the same time, experientially simple.
- II. The Old Creation vs. the New Creation
  - a. The Old Creation
    - i. As defined by God's first creation (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)
      1. Adam
      2. Dominated by soul "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"
      3. Corruptible
      4. Dishonorable
      5. Weak
      6. Mortal
      7. Earthy and dusty
      8. Soulless
    - ii. Expressed in the corrupted world of the Gentiles
      1. According to Ephesians 4:17-19, the old is characterized by
        - a. Corruption through deceitful desires

- b.* The futility of the mind
  - c.* Darkened understanding
  - d.* Ignorance
  - e.* Hardness of heart
  - f.* Callousness
  - g.* Sensuality
- 2. According to Colossians 3:5-9, the old is expressed in
  - a.* Sexual immorality
  - b.* Passion
  - c.* Evil desire
  - d.* Covetousness
  - e.* Anger
  - f.* Wrath
  - g.* Malice
  - h.* Slander
  - i.* Obscene talk
  - j.* lies
- b.* The new creation is what grows after the things of the old creation are “sown,” just like a grain of wheat dies in the ground and grows into the new plant. Elements of the old creation, created by God and corrupted by sin, are sown into the ground so that, in resurrection, the new emerges incorruptible and immortal.
- c.* The new creation
  - i.* As defined by God’s second creation (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)
    - 1. The second man, Christ, who was also the last Adam
    - 2. Dominated by spirit. “The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit”
    - 3. Incorruptible



4. Imperishable
  5. Glorious
  6. Powerful
  7. Eternal
  8. Heavenly
  9. Spiritual
- ii.* Expressed in the new living among believers
1. According to Ephesians 4:25-32, the new is characterized by a life where God's work in Christ is freely available and where it is expressed by virtues.
    - a. Speaking truth
    - b. Anger without sin
    - c. Honest work
    - d. Talk that builds up and gives grace
    - e. Not grieving the Spirit in whom we have been sealed
    - f. Kindness
    - g. Tenderheartedness
    - h. Forgiveness as God in Christ forgave us
  2. According to Colossians 3:12-17, the community of the new man is harmonious, filled with virtues, and full of the indwelling and outflowing word of God.
    - a. No distinctions between races and classes
    - b. Compassionate hearts
    - c. Humility
    - d. Meekness

- e. Patience
- f. Love
- g. Harmony
- h. Peace ruling in heart
- i. One body
- j. Word of Christ dwelling richly within
- k. Teaching and admonishing one another
- l. Singing in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
- m. Thankfulness to God

### III. Central verses

- a. The growing of the new creation from the sowing of the old
  - i. *<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we*

*shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 1  
Corinthians 15:42–49*

b. The old man

- i. *<sup>17</sup>Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They 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. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.*

*Ephesians 4:17-19*

- ii. *<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices Colossians 3:5-9*

c. The new man

- i. *<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let 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. <sup>29</sup>Let 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:25–32*

- ii. *<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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*

## MESSAGE FOUR

### **The New Man is a New Realm, a Renewed Existence, and includes a New Community**

- I. Overview: This message explores details of the new realm of the new man in the new creation.
  - a. The new man is created after the likeness of God and is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
  - b. The new man is created by God in righteousness and holiness.
  - c. The new man is always being renewed, meaning that we are always growing into the experience. We never fully arrive, but rather we must continually grow in knowledge, which is in true experience.
  - d. The new man is corporate (together), involving relationships with other people based on Christ in them and all being Christ.
- II. The new man is a new realm and new community in contrast to the old realm and old society.
  - a. Created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness
    - i. God made a realm, called the new man, which is a community in resurrection living a new life.
    - ii. Righteousness indicates the right living before God and between others.
    - iii. Holiness indicates that the entirety of the new man is set apart to God, even filled with God, because only God is holy.
  - b. Being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator

- i. Being “renewed” indicates that the new man is continually in the renewing process.
    - ii. “In knowledge” indicates that this involves our understanding and the understanding of those witnessing the testimony.
    - iii. “After the image of the creator” indicates how the new man is according to the image of the corporate new man that God is creating in resurrection.
  - c. In the new man there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.
    - i. There are no longer natural distinctions between people in the new man.
    - ii. Christ is all the members.
    - iii. Christ is in all the members.

### III. Central verses

- a. <sup>24</sup>*and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* Ephesians 4:24
- b. <sup>10</sup>*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.* <sup>11</sup>*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all* Colossians 3:10-11

## MESSAGE FIVE

### The Intentional Living in the New Man

- I. Overview: This message will talk about how to live in the new man. We will find that it is intentional, but not in a way one might think where a person concentrates on not doing the old and on doing the new. It involves learning Christ. It requires us to be taught in Christ to put off the old and put on the new. It demands that we be renewed in the spirit of our mind. It requires that we are taught the profound fact that reality or truth is in Jesus. When our efforts are focused on these things, then the living in the new man is an outflow.
- II. Living in the new man involves our intentional choice of deepening our relationship with Christ
  - a. Paul does not charge the believers simply to remember that they are the new man and to do good.
  - b. Instead, he writes about how they have learned Christ, been taught in Christ, and charges them to be renewed in the spirit of their mind. These experiences allow them to put off the old and put on the new. This pattern shows us that living in the new man and growing in that life is intentional, practical, daily, and can become a habit.
- III. We must learn Christ
  - a. This is not merely to learn about Christ or to learn what Christ did.
  - b. To learn Christ is to grow in an experiential union with Him.
  - c. 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.

- IV. We are taught in Him to put off the old and to put on the new
  - a. The more we are taught in Jesus Himself the more we can truly experience putting off the old and putting on the new.
  - b. When we are taught in Him, we understand the place of the old creation, the new creation, and our participation in these realms.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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).
- V. We must be taught in Him (Christ) as the truth is in Jesus
  - a. Truth is the reality of God and all His eternal works, including His works in the old creation and the new.
  - b. As we learn the truth that is in Jesus, we understand how the reality of all things of God are in Christ.
- VI. A key to putting on the new is to be renewed in the spirit of our mind
  - a. The spirit is key as our source of this experience
  - b. The mind is crucial because we must be conscious of the change in order to live it out



- c. This renewal is a continual process, as indicated by the present tense of the infinitive “to be renewed.”

## VII. Central verses

- a. <sup>20</sup>*But that is not the way you learned Christ!—*  
<sup>21</sup>*assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,* <sup>22</sup>*to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,* <sup>23</sup>*and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,* <sup>24</sup>*and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* Ephesians 4:20-24
- b. <sup>9</sup>*Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices* <sup>10</sup>*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.* <sup>11</sup>*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.* <sup>12</sup>*Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,* Colossians 3:9-12

## MESSAGE SIX

### The Wonderful “Together Life” of the New Man Lived out in the Church Life

- I. Overview: In this message we wish to see what the relationships with others look like in the new man. These involves the truth, the Spirit, peace, God’s word, words that build up and give grace, being members one of another, singing, teaching one another, bearing one another, and forgiving one another. The community in the new man is a beautiful, “together” existence that is powered by the Christ we learned and the Spirit we do not grieve. This wonderful existence is possible, because of God’s great work of ending the old creation and growing His new creation. Our participation is possible because we lay aside the old man and put on the new man.
- II. In the new man
  - a. Our words are true, upbuilding, and full of God’s thoughts as revealed in His word.
    - i. We speak truth because we are members one of another.
    - ii. We speak words that build up and give grace, and that do not corrupt.
    - iii. We let the Word dwell in us richly, teaching and admonishing one another in wisdom.
  - b. Our feelings are virtuous.
    - i. We are angry without sinning.
    - ii. We let go of bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice.
  - c. Our relationships with others are upbuilding and inspired by God’s work in Christ. *(see next page)*
    - i. We are kind and tenderhearted.

- ii. We forgive one another as God in Christ forgave us.
- iii. We put on compassionate hearts, kindness, meekness, and patience.
- iv. We bear with one another, forgiving each other as the Lord forgave us.
- v. We put on love, which binds us in harmony.
- d. We thank the Father, treasure the peace of Christ, and seek not to grieve the Spirit.
  - i. We give thanks to the Father through Jesus Christ.
  - ii. We allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, as we are in one body.
  - iii. We don't grieve the Holy Spirit who sealed us.
- e. We work honestly, having lives of singing and thankfulness.
  - i. We give no opportunity to the Devil, especially in our anger.
  - ii. We work honestly so we may share with the needy.
  - iii. We sing songs, hymns, and spiritual songs in thankfulness to God.
  - iv. We do everything—both words and deeds—in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - v. We thank the Father through Christ in everything.

### III. Central verses

- a. *<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let 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. <sup>29</sup>Let 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:25–32*

- b. *<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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*

## KEY VERSES ON THE NEW MAN

### We put off the old man and put on the new man

*<sup>17</sup>Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They 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. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let 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. <sup>29</sup>Let 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:17–32 (ESV)

## The New Man is Created In Christ Jesus through His Death on the Cross

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:11–22 (ESV)

## The Old Creation headed by Adam vs. the New Creation headed by Christ

*<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:42–49 (ESV)*

**We can put to death what is earthly and put on the heavenly new man,  
which is being renewed**

*<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. <sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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 3:5–17 (ESV)*



## OBSERVATIONS

1. On the two words translated “new,” *neos* and *kainos*
  - a. Ephesians: the new (*kainos*) man who is renewed (*ananeoo*)
    - i. 2:15 new (*kainos*) man
    - ii. 4:23 is being renewed (*ananeoo*) in the spirit of your minds and to put on the new (*kainos*) man
  - b. Colossians: the new (*neos*) man who is renewed (*anakainoo*)
    - i. 3:10 put on the new (*neos*) man, which is being renewed (*anakainoo*)
  - c. The ‘old nature’ (v. 22) is to be put off, and Christians are to *be renewed*. Greek has two adjectives for new: *kainos*, which means new in the sense of fresh and distinctive, and *neos*, which means new in the sense of young. (Tyndale)
2. “Old” in all cases is the word *palaios*
3. On “put on” and “put off”
  - a. Ephesians: put off is *apotithemi*, put on is *endyo*. Both are Aorist Middle Infinitives.
  - b. Colossians: put off is *apokdyomai*; put on is *endyo*. Both are Aorist Middle Participles.
  - c. On put on, *endyo* in both Colossians and Ephesians
    - i. is also used in 1 Corinthians 15:53-34—this perishable must put on (*endyo*) immortality
    - ii. Also frequently used for putting on clothes, as in Matthew 6:25 and 27:31
  - d. On put off
    - i. *Apokdyomai* in Colossians, is only used one other place, in Colossian 2:15 where it refers to Christ stripping of the authorities

- ii. Apotithemi in Ephesians is commonly used for laying someone in prison (Mathew 14:3) and laying aside encumbrances (Hebrews 12:1) and laying garments at the feet of Saul (Act 7:58)
- 4. On to put off and to put on
  - a. There is a debate on whether this is an accomplished fact or something we do
  - b. My consideration.
    - i. Ephesians says “as we were taught in Him...to put off...and put on.” It seems here that to put off and to put on are actions we are taught in Jesus. This seems like a more active, intentional choice on our side, which has to be applied frequently in our life. We have been taught in Jesus to put off...and put on. (Note: this uses the word “apotithemi” for put off, the far more common word)
    - ii. Colossians is much more matter of fact, “Do not lie....seeing that you have put off....and have put on....” This seems more like a finished fact. The verbs are Aorist Middle Participles, meaning that they emphasize the action (aorist) with not much comment on whether or not it is continuing now, and indicate that we had a part in the doing of this work (middle).
    - iii. Conclusion: Colossians emphasizes the finished work begun at our belief; Ephesians emphasizes our learning to live in the finished work.
    - iv. Interesting caveat: in both cases we still have to exercise to “put on” many things describing the community life to allow a virtuous spirit-filled life to emerge from our living. In both cases we must

also “put to death” our earthly members, or “no longer walk,” indicating that an action must be taken to leave our old life.