

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 3:10-17 – *practical Christian living a new life in Christ*

Today's Message:

**"The New Man"**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began the practical section of Colossians with a focus on our new life in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our life, and we set our affection on things above not on things on the earth. We have a high calling in Christ, and we must put off the old man every day. Today, we continue that focus with an exhortation to put on the new man every day. It is not enough to stop evil and sinful behaviors; we must **PUT ON** Jesus Christ and His righteousness. His will for our lives is that we will grow to be increasingly like Him – and that we will live for Him and for His glory. This is God's message to you.

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### ❖ The Text Colossians 3:10-17

**"Christian Ethics"** (How to live and why) flow out of our union with the risen, reigning Christ, and our future blessed hope.

#### Review

**New Priorities – 3:1-4** – because you are risen with Christ, your priorities change!

**The Old Man – 3:5-9** – you must put to death your old sinful ways and life for Christ!

### A. **New Man Identity – God radically changed your life in Jesus Christ!**

- Believers have been **made sons of God** after the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ the Lord.

- **Colossians 3:10** – And have **PUT ON THE NEW MAN**, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:

**3:11** – **Where there is neither** Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but **Christ is all, and in all**.

**"Put on"** At salvation (circumcision of Christ); to clothe oneself daily (sanctification)

**"The new man"** A new creature; new in quality and nature (sealed with the Holy Spirit)

**"Renewed in knowledge"** Made new again; repaired; continually renovated by the Spirit

**"Where there is neither"** A radical leveling of distinctions – Christ becomes our identity!

**"Christ is all, and in all"** The unity of the body of Christ is created by Him – He is our unity

#### Comparing Scriptures

- **Ephesians 4:24** – ... **PUT ON the new man... created in righteousness and true holiness.**
- **Romans 8:29** – ... he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son...**
- **2 Corinth 3:18** – ... beholding...the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image...**

#### Key Truth

- Sanctification is not \_\_\_\_\_-improvement or rehab – it is Christ formed in us.

Salvation gives the believer a new nature; practical sanctification is a continual renewing process (**Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 4:16**) where the believer becomes more like Jesus Christ through the word of God and the Holy Spirit. The world doesn't need to experience a better you – it needs to experience Christ in you!

#### **Sanctification**

The act of making holy;  
**positionally** – eternally saved;  
**practically** – becoming increasingly more like Jesus Christ.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if any man be **IN CHRIST**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## B. New Man Character – you must PUT ON the character of Jesus Christ!

2. Believers are exhorted to \_\_\_\_\_ “garments” (virtues) of Christ’s character daily.

### WHAT IF WE DON’T

Cold, critical, uncaring  
Harsh words, hurtful  
Pride, stubborn, splits  
Anger, arguments  
Lose our testimony  
Family tension  
Damaged relationships  
Overly sensitive  
Church unity erodes  
Relationships strained  
Bitterness takes root  
Joy dries up  
Fellowship hindered  
Satan gets a foothold  
**We become the very  
opposite of Jesus Christ!**

- **Colossians 3:12** – PUT ON THEREFORE, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;  
**3:13** – Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against ANY: even AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU, so also do ye.  
**3:14** – And ABOVE ALL these things PUT ON **charity**, which is the bond of perfectness.

**“As the elect of God, holy and beloved”** Children of God; NT saints; ambassadors for Christ  
**“Bowels of mercies”** Deep compassion; a heart moved toward the hurting and needy  
**“Kindness”** Gracious actions; goodness in action and displayed; gentle treatment of others  
**“Humbleness of mind”** Christlike lowliness; humility; seeing others as more important  
**“Meekness”** Strength under control; gentle strength; willingness to yield rights  
**“Longsuffering”** Patience with people; enduring people’s faults, immaturity, irritations  
**“Forbearing one another”** Putting up with others; hold back irritation; tolerate with grace  
**“Forgiving one another”** Let it go; not optional; like Christ to you – undeserved, complete  
**“Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness”** Sacrificial, unconditional love; the glue

### Comparing Scriptures

- **Mathew 9:36** – But when he saw the multitudes, **he was moved with compassion...**
- **Ephesians 4:32** – And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving...** as God
- **1 Peter 5:5** – ... be subject... **be clothed with humility:** for God resisteth the proud...

### Key Truth

- Christ is seen more clearly when His character is \_\_\_\_\_ in us! So, live Christ!

## C. New Man Worship – you must let God lead you to a Christ-centered life!

3. Believers are exhorted to let God be \_\_\_\_\_ and willingly yield to Him and His will.

### Important Note

In **psalms, hymns,  
and spiritual songs...**  
worship is Word-filled  
not emotion-driven.

- **Colossians 3:15** – And **LET** the PEACE OF GOD **rule in your hearts...** and **be ye thankful.**  
**3:16** – **LET** the WORD OF CHRIST  **dwell in you richly in all wisdom;**  
**teaching and admonishing one another in PSALMS and HYMNS and**  
**SPIRITUAL SONGS, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**  
**3:17** – And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus,**  
**giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**

**“Let the peace of God rule”** To decide and govern (umpire); to control the will and actions  
**“Let the word of Christ dwell”** To live in, fill every room; not a guest; filled with Scriptures  
**“Teaching and admonishing one another”** Edifying; reproving; warning; counseling  
**“Whatsoever ye do in word or deed”** Everything; speech, actions, decisions, attitudes

### Comparing Scriptures

- **John 14:27** – **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...** Let not your heart...
- **Deut 6:6-9** – ...these words... shall be in thine heart...thou shalt teach them diligently...
- **1 Cor 10:31** – ... **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

### WHAT IF WE DON’T

Anxiety rules decisions  
Do not wait for God’s plan  
Emotions dictate choices  
Spiritually malnourished  
Compromise gets easy  
Worship gets shallow  
Compartmentalize God  
Justify sin with feelings  
Live for self and not Christ  
Testimony loses power

Jesus Christ wants to lead you from the throne of your heart and life.  
Your flesh daily wants to take the throne that belongs to Jesus Christ.  
Let God’s peace, words, worship, and gratitude transform your life and family!