

Sermon #2: Know Your Position: Christ In You

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Colossians 3:1–14

BREAKING THE ICE

- Think about a time you started something new—perhaps a new job, a new relationship, or a fresh chapter in life. What changes did you have to make to fully embrace your that new reality?
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UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

Paul reminds the believers in Colossae of their new identity and position in Christ and how to live out your new identity in Christ by setting your mind on things above and clothing yourself with His character.

Raised with Christ: Colossians 3:1–4

1. According to verse 1, what does it mean to be “raised with Christ”?
 2. Why does Paul command believers to “set your hearts on things above”? How is this different from escaping the world?
 3. Verse 3 says, “You died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” How is that significant to the life of the believer?
 4. In verse 4, Paul says that when Christ appears, you will appear with Him in glory. How does that future hope shape your daily choices today?
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Putting Off the Old Self: Colossians 3:5–9

1. What sins and attitudes does Paul urge believers to “put to death” in verses 5–8?
 2. How do these behaviors reflect the values of the “earthly nature”?
 3. In what ways can anger, greed, or deceit destroy relationships and community?
 4. Why do you think Paul emphasizes truthfulness (“Do not lie to one another”) in verse 9 as part of putting off the old self?
 5. What daily practices or disciplines can help you identify and “put to death” old sinful habits?
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Putting On the New Self: Colossians 3:10–14

1. According to verse 10, how is the new self being renewed? Who is doing the renewing work?
2. Verse 11 reminds us that in Christ there is no division based on background, ethnicity, or status. How does that truth shape the way we view others?
3. Verses 12–13 list specific virtues to “put on.” Which of these virtues do you find most difficult to live out? Why?

4. What does it mean to “bear with each other” (v. 13)? How does forgiveness reflect the heart of Christ?
 5. Finally, verse 14 says, “And over all these virtues put on love.” Why is love the supreme virtue that completes them all?
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SEEING JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ perfectly embodies the “new self,” displaying compassion, humility, patience, and forgiveness in every part of His life. He lived in full submission to the Father’s will, not to earthly desires, and through His death and resurrection, He made it possible for us to live transformed lives. Because He exchanged His glory for humility to make us new, we are called to set aside our old selves and reflect His likeness.

If Jesus exchanged His glory for humility to make us new, how have you seen moments in your life to set aside your old self for the new self that reflects the likeness of Jesus Christ?

MAKING IT MATTER

1. What “old clothes” or patterns of thinking is God calling you to take off right now?
 2. Which of the Christlike virtues in verses 12–14 do you most need to put on this week?
 3. How might your relationships—at home, work, or church—change if you approached them from your new identity rather than your old self?
 4. Paul says our lives are “hidden with Christ in God.” How can that truth help you resist comparison, anxiety, or insecurity?
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PRAYING FOR GOD’S POWER

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” — *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Transformation is not self-driven—it is Spirit-driven. We cannot “put off” sin or “put on” love apart from God’s renewing grace. Take a few moments to thank God for giving you a new identity in Christ. Ask Him to reveal specific areas where you are still wearing the “old clothes” of your former life.

Share one area where you want God to help you live out the new self this week. Pray for one another to walk in the strength of the Spirit, clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and—above all—love.