



## Put Off Put On (Colossians 3:1-17)

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### ☑ It then WHAT?

☑ I recommend you read all of Romans 6, but a few simple experts will set the stage...

### ☑ **If you were raised with Christ...**

☑ *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**" Romans 6:4 NKJV*

☑ ***"Likewise** you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
Romans 6:11 NKJV

- ☑ Christ died, and you died with Him. Christ resurrected and you resurrected with Him... therefore, walk in newness of life.
- ☑ **What does it look like to be raised with Christ?**
- ☑ You set your mind on heavenly things, not on things of the earth.
- ☑ *“**No one can serve two masters;** for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Matthew 6:24 NKJV*
- ☑ *“Therefore **do not worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after **all these things the Gentiles seek**. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow** will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:31-34 NKJV*
- ☑ ***“Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit*

*who is in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body** and in your spirit, which are God's."* I Corinthians 6:18-20 NKJV

☑ *"I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh** I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* Galatians 2:20 NKJV

☑ You cannot serve God and the things of this world simultaneously.

☑ Don't worry about the things of this world; seek the things of God's Kingdom!

☑ Flee all things that corrupt the image of God (sexual immorality being the root sin that does that!)

☑ Acknowledge that you no longer belong to yourself because you were paid for by the precious blood of Christ.

☑ The life you now live is not your life, it is His life!

☑ **And what will be the final outcome?**

☑ *"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages **for our glory,**"* I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV

☑ *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be **glorified together**. For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also **will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**.” Romans 8:16-21 NKJV*

☑ God’s plan is that we uncover and understand that we will share the Glory of Christ as a co-heir of His inheritance.

☑ You will be instrumental in freeing all of creation from the curse that came over it because of the sin in the Garden.

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*Colossians 3:5-7 NKJV*

☑ **With all that being said...**

☑ YOU kill the sins that were once common to you! Sins such as...

☑ **Fornication:** sexually immorality, which is the root of sin. It categorically denies the image of God.

☑ **Uncleanness:** things that are impure and forbidden.

☑ **Passion:** lusts and cravings that inundate your mind.

☑ **Evil Desires:** anything you are drawn to that is not godly.

☑ **Covetousness (which is form of idolatry):** desires for what others have that you see necessary to bring you satisfaction, even to the exclusion of others having those things. If you **MUST HAVE IT**, it is an idol.

☑ **Why?**

☑ When you indulge these sins (which defines iniquity, disobedience to God), you invite...

☑ **God's wrath:** anger, rage, fury, indignation, outrage!

☑ You old life into your new life!

☑ *“**But now** you yourselves are to **put off all these**: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, **since you have put off the old man with his deeds**, and have **put on the new man** who is renewed in knowledge according **to the image of Him who created him**, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:8-11 NKJV*

☑ **Now what?**

☑ Put off the sins of your old life! All those listed here and any others that you have a tendency to gravitate towards.

☑ Why? Because...

☑ You are not your own. You were bought at a price (I Corinthians 6:18-20) AND...

☑ It is no longer you who live, but Christ lives in you. (Galatians 2:20)

☑ **How?**

☑ Put on the new man, because the old man is dead!

☑ *“Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**” II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV*

☑ **The KEY!**

☑ Knowledge of the image of God!

- ☑ "So God created man in His own image; **in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them**. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply;...**" Genesis 1:27-28a NKJV
- ☑ "And the Lord God said, "**It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper** comparable to him."" Genesis 2:18 NKJV
- ☑ "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and **He took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He **made into a woman**, and He **brought her to the man**." Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV
- ☑ "And Adam said: "**This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh**; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh**. And they were **both naked**, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." Genesis 2:23-25 NKJV
- ☑ "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and **she conceived and bore Cain**, and said, "**I have acquired a man from the Lord**."" Genesis 4:1 NKJV



- ☑ Fact: there is ONE God and He made man in His image.
- ☑ Fact: His image is aONE man (Adam) who had within him THEM (male and female [DNA]).
- ☑ Fact: His image is ONE man (Adam) who could be fruitful and multiply.
- ☑ Fact: these inner qualities of Adam (the woman and child) were invisible (as of Adam was alone).
- ☑ Fact: it was not good that Adam (nor we) could not recognize his inner qualities, so God extracted some DNA (a rib) from Adam and made a visible woman.
- ☑ Fact: males have both male and female DNA and females have only female DNA.
- ☑ Fact: you can extract a woman from a man but you can't extract a man from a woman.
- ☑ Fact: they now appeared separate, but God's intention was that, although you could see them separately, they were to still be considered one (for His image' sake). Therefore He gave is marriage (one flesh). And from there—become fruitful and multiply.
- ☑ Fact: the root of all sin is to deny the hidden qualities of God's image (a man, a woman, a child—and marriage.)

☑ “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because what may be known of God **is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them**. For **since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood **by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead [man, woman child]**, so that they are **without excuse**, because, **although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but became **futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.**” Romans 1:18-21 NKJV

☑ And it does not matter what is your heritage, region, nation, past world view of religion, or social status... everyone in Christ has access to the **new man** and the ability too put off the **old man**—NO EXCUSES!

**Therefore, as the elect of God...**

**“Therefore**, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, **if anyone has a complaint against another**; even as Christ forgave you, so you also

must do. **But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.** And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. **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. **And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

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#### ☑ **Therefore what?**

- ☑ After you put off all those sinful behaviors, put on the exact opposite behaviors!
- ☑ The goal of your new behaviors is to be Christlike, the quintessential trait being FORGIVENESS!
- ☑ DO NOT hold an account against others!

☑ ***“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.” Colossians 3:14 NKJV***

☑ **The ultimate outcome is to become like Christ!**

☑ What does that look like? Perfection.

☑ **Love!**

☑ God is love (I John 4:7-21)...

☑ “Beloved, let us love one another, **for love is of God**; and everyone who loves **is born of God** and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**” I John 4:7-8 NKJV

☑ “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who **abides in love abides in God**, and **God in him.**” I John 4:16 NKJV

☑ And the path to becoming love is this!

☑ “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises**, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add** to

your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness **love**." II Peter 1:2-7 NKJV

- ☑ Access to divine power, knowledge of His image, and understanding that you can participate in the divine nature (LOVE).
- ☑ How to you get there? Add to your faith, in this order... virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, and brotherly kindness!

- ☑ *"And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15 NKJV*

- ☑ **Outcome**

- ☑ The peace of God will rule in you hearts. Peace is contentment without attachment to circumstance! DJH
  - ☑ In other words: *"Godliness with contentment is great gain."* I Timothy 6:6 NKJV
- ☑ *"**Let the word of Christ** dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and **admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns*

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☑ **Dwell in God’s words and share it with others!**

☑ By teaching and chastising, by worshiping and singing...

☑ “And ***whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus***, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

☑ *Colossians 3:17 NKJV*

☑ **The bottom line!**

☑ Everything you do, do it as if you are doing it for God and give thanks along the way.

☑ **As we will see next time...**

☑ “And ***whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men***,” Colossians 3:23 NKJV

**NEXT TEACHING**

Whatever You Do... (Colossians 3:18-25)