



PUT OFF AND PUT ON

Part 1 - Put off the Old Man

OUR SPIRITUAL TRAJECTORY BEFORE CHRIST

Headlong into Damnation

- Slaves to sin
- Enemies of God
- Alienated from our Creator
- Under the judgment and penalty of death – eternal separation from God

THE WALKING DEAD

Romans 7:24 -“O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”

- Condemned man's was sentenced = chained to dead body
- Corpse could not be removed
- Decaying body was ever present
- The rot and putrefaction would eat away at the condemn man's body
- The smell, isolation, and foreboding presence and oozing mess of the corpse would eat away at the condemn man's mind and soul

A NEW TRAJECTORY

Father God's love caused Jesus Christ to change the trajectory.

- Through His atoning death, our sins are forgiven; the written judgment against us is blotted out
- Through His resurrection, we are raised to new life in Him
- Through the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, we are empowered to life in the power of the resurrected life

A NEW IDENTITY

- Colossians 2:11-15
 - Circumcised by the circumcision of Christ that put off the body of the sins of the flesh”
 - Buried and raised with Him in baptism
 - Made alive together with Him
 - Forgiven all our trespasses

CIRCUMCISION

- Denotes a cutting off or removal.
- In this context, circumcision is not physical, but spiritual
- The ruling power of the believer's flesh or sinful nature is broken or removed by Christ.

DO WE BELIEVE OUR IDENTITY HAS CHANGED?

- Believe it
- Say it
- Live and Practice it

PUT TO DEATH...

- Put to death = “nekrosate” = To make dead
- We must “make dead” the things in our lives that are contrary to our new identity in Christ
- Not simply suppress or control but wipe out /completely exterminate
- The things: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire and covetousness
 - Are part of the way the world lives and not the way Jesus lives
- Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience

PUT OFF...

- Definition: cast off, cast away, put down, lay down, stripping off, discard
 1. wholly put off from one's self
 2. separation from what is put off
 3. wholly to strip off for one's self (for one's own advantage)
 4. despoil, disarm
- separate – physically (distance) and temporally (time)
- “the entire stripping off.”
- a total break with the old position and condition; not a reform but a revolution of the man's standing and state.

PUT OFF...

- Put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another...
- “Lesser Sins” – to some, the less obvious and less grievous sins
- Paul challenges us to put off the old man in every area of our lives
 - Put off all those old habits, just as you would discard an outworn suit of clothes or shoes with no longer fit you
- Putting off the old man with his deeds means that in Jesus Christ, the saints of God are different people

HOW?

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- Say it
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