

PUT OFF AND PUT ON

Part 2 - Put on the New Man

REVIEW OF PART 1 – PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

- Transformational work of the Lord brings about a change in the spiritual reality of the believer.
- Our spiritual trajectory is eternally altered
 - Slaves to sin, enemies of God, dead in our sins (walking dead) sentenced to spiritual death – eternal separation from God
 - God's love and mercy, Christ's atoning work on the cross, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides forgiveness of sins, resurrection life, and power to live in that resurrected life

REVIEW OF PART 1 – PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

- **Given a new identity** - Colossians 2:11-15
 - Circumcision of Christ spiritually cut away the body of the sins of the flesh
 - The ruling power of the believer's flesh or sinful nature is broken and removed by Christ.
 - Need to assume our new identity: Believe it, Say it, Live it

REVIEW OF PART 1 – PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

- **Work out our salvation...**
 - Put to death
 - 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

REVIEW OF PART 1 – PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

- **Work out our salvation...**
 - Put off
 - cast off, cast away, put down, lay down, strip off, discard
 - a total break with the old position and condition; not a reform but a revolution of the man's standing and state
 - Putting off the old man with his deeds means that in Jesus Christ, the saints of God are different people

PART 2 – PUT ON THE NEW MAN

- “Clothes make the man (or woman)”
- “... for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...” Isaiah 61:10
- Put on = enduo = in the sense of sinking into a garment, to invest with clothing; array; clothe (with); endue; dress
- Endue = provide, endow, imbue, transfuse, put on, don

THE NEW MAN

- A change in identity and a change in relationship
- Once enemies of God, now adopted into His family
 - Romans 8:13-15 "...these are sons of God."
 - Romans 9:25-26 "...called sons of the living God."
- Once separation amongst us, now unity in Christ
 - Neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free
 - Christ is all and in all

OUR PART – LIVE THE LIFE OF THE NEW MAN

- The new man has the mind of Christ
- The new man is led by the Holy Spirit of Christ
- The new man exhibits the qualities of Christ
- The new man shows forth the character of Christ, the fruit of the Holy Spirit

OUR PART – LIVE THE LIFE OF THE NEW MAN

- Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility
- Forgiving one another
- Above all, put on love, which is the bond of perfection
- Let the peace of God rule in your hearts
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
- Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus

PUT ON TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMILITY

- Qualities express themselves in relationships.
- Significant measure of our Christian life is found in how we treat people and the quality of our relationships with them.
 - “...the great basic Christian virtues are those which govern human relationships.” (Barclay)
 - Tender mercies: If something is tender, it is sensitive to touch.
 - Kindness = chrestotes = moral excellence (in character or demeanor)
Humility is the “parent” of both meekness and longsuffering.
 - Meekness shows how humility will effect my actions towards others
 - Longsuffering shows how humility will effect my reaction towards others

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

- Live forgiving one another, after the pattern of Jesus' forgiveness towards us
- Understanding the way Jesus forgave us will always make us more generous with forgiveness, and never less generous
- When we consider the staggering debt Jesus forgave for us, and the comparative smallness of the debts others have toward us, it is base ingratitude for us to not forgive them (see Matthew 18:21-35).

FORGIVING – GOD VS MAN

God	Habit of Man
Holds back His anger a very long time; bears with us a long time	Often quick to anger and is not long-suffering
Reaches out to bad people to bring forgiveness to them	Not reconcile if the offending person is a person of bad character
Makes the first move towards us in forgiveness	Only be reconciled if the offending party craves forgiveness & makes 1 st move
Forgives often knowing that we will sin again, sometimes in the exact same way.	Forgive only if offending party solemnly promises to never do the wrong again
His forgiveness is so complete & glorious that He grants adoption to former offenders	Even when forgiveness is offered, he will not lift again the former offender to a place of high status and partnership

FORGIVING – GOD VS MAN

God	Habit of Man
Bore all the penalty for the wrong we did against Him.	Will not forgive unless the offender agrees to bear all the penalty for the wrong done.
Keeps reaching out to man for reconciliation even when man refuses Him again and again	Will not continue to offer reconciliation if it is rejected once.
Requires no probationary period to receive His forgiveness	Will not restore an offender without a period of probation
His forgiveness offers complete restoration and honor	Feel we should be complimented when we merely tolerate those who sin against us.
Once having forgiven, God puts His trust in us and invites us back to work with Him as co-laborers.	Will not trust someone who has formerly wronged him.

ABOVE ALL, PUT ON LOVE

- Love perfectly fulfills what God requires of us in relationships.
- Put love “upon all [and] over all; as the outer garment envelopes all the clothing, so let charity or love invest and encompass all the rest... Let this, therefore, be as the upper garment ...that invests the whole man.”
- All the virtues are manifestations of love; but love is larger than all of them combined.
- The other virtues, pursued without love, become distorted and unbalanced.

LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS

- Peace should characterize the community of God's people, and that peace is a standard for discerning God's will.
- Rule = arbitrate. Choose the things that make for peace, whether for yourselves or others.
- Let the peace of Christ judge, decide, and govern in your hearts, as the judge does in the Olympic contests
- 'Peace' here is ... a peace which characterizes the community, the 'body' as a whole.

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY

- The new man walks in the word of God & in worship with other believers.
- Dwell in you: an allusion/reference to the Shekinah, or symbol of the Divine presence, which dwelt in the tabernacle and first temple.
- Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
 - God delights in creative, spontaneous worship.
 - The word dwells in us so richly that it finds spontaneous expression wherever we are (home, work, school, church)

DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS

- The new man lives his life, all his life, for Jesus.
 - Patterned after Jesus “came to do my Father’s will”
- The new man will only seek to do the things that he may do in the name of the Lord Jesus
- The new man will persevere in the difficulty of doing such things, knowing that he is doing them in the name of the Lord Jesus.