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“Putting Christ First”

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**“Off with the old and on with the new”**

In this Letter, Paul has made it clear that life is NOT about us. Jesus Christ is everything; He is supreme; He is Creator and Sustainer; He is life itself. Only when we surrender ourselves to Him do we go from death to life; and we are complete only in Him. In the last passage, Paul told us to therefore **“set your mind on things above, not on the things on the earth”** (3:2). In this week's passage, we learn that as we give Jesus supremacy over our lives and set our minds on Him, He wants to sanctify our lives for His glory in this world. How does He do this? As you commit yourself to a life of devotion to Him in the Word by His Spirit, He will point out things in your life by which **“you yourself once walked”** (3:7), and now **“you yourself are to put off”** (3:8); for they are part of the **“old man,”** and not of the new life He has given you. But it is not enough to put off the old; He also calls you to **“put on”** the new; those things that reflect **“the image of Him”** who is our salvation.

Are you really putting Jesus first (foremost, supreme)? Examine yourself honestly. What is the image you see? Is it more the old man or the new? Commit yourself to a deeper work of the Holy Spirit in your life; that He might continue to transform you into the image of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Passage:** Colossians 3:8-11

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Colossians 3:7-9**

What are the things that we **“once walked”** in, which Jesus now is calling us to **“put off”**? Consider the things of the **“old man”** that you yourself still walk in and take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to do a new work.

**Scripture: Colossians 3:10**

We cannot seek to “**put off**” the old man without putting on the new. How is the new man “**put on**”, according to this verse? How are we “**renewed in knowledge**” according to the previous passage (v.1-3)? In your own words, what are the ways you can do what those previous verses say?

**Scripture: Romans 12:1-2**

The world is opposed to this transformation in our lives, and will paint a different picture of how we are to live. How does this passage from Romans tell us to fight against the pull of the world and “**present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**”?

**Scripture: Colossians 3:11**

It doesn't matter who we are; the answer to walking in the ways of the “**new man**” instead of the “**old man**” is the same. How does this verse put it?

### Personal meditation time with Jesus:

In Genesis 35:1, God calls Jacob, in essence, to recommit himself to God, and to build an altar at Bethel to establish that commitment. Jacob then turns to his people and says these words in verse 2;

***“Put away your foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.”***

Commit yourself also to a new and deeper work of the Holy Spirit right now. Examine yourself before Him and ask Him to reveal those things of the **“old man”** that are in your life personally, and ask Him to help you to purify yourself and to put on the **“garment”** of the new man.

### Hide God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, ‘Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.’”

Genesis 35:2