



SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021

## THE NEW ME

*You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as,<sup>21</sup> “Don’t handle! Don’t taste! Don’t touch!”? <sup>22</sup> Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. <sup>23</sup> These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person’s evil desires.*

*3:1-4 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.*

**~ Colossians 2:20- 3:5 (NLT)**

## THE NEW ME

Jesus is...

- God (2:9)
- Creator (1:16)
- Savior (1:20; 2:13–14)
- Head of the church (1:18)

**TO EXPERIENCE A NEW ME, I MUST:**

### **1. I MUST DIE TO MY OLD SELF**

*For you were **buried with Christ** when you were **baptized**. And with him you were **raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. ~ **Colossians 2:12 (NLT)***

*You have **died** with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. ~ **Colossians 2:20 (NLT)***

*For you have **stripped off your old sinful nature** and all its wicked deeds. ~ **Colossians 3:9b (NLT)***

*For you **died to this life**, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ~ **Colossians 3:3 (NLT)***

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life 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 (NLT)***

*<sup>5</sup> So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup> Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. <sup>8</sup> But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ~ **Colossians 3:5-9 (NLT)***

### **2. I MUST PUT ON MY NEW SELF**

*For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ~ **Ephesians 2:6***

*So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—**makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.** ~ **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)***

### 3. I MUST RENEW MY MIND

**Memory Verse:**

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights on the realities of heaven**, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.*

*<sup>2</sup> **Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.***

*~ Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)*

*Put on your new nature, and **be renewed as you learn** to **know your Creator** and **become like him**. ~ Colossians 3:10 (NLT)*

*But we understand these things, for **we have the mind of Christ**.*  
*~ 1 Corinthians 2:16b*

*And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, **you will share in all his glory**. ~ Colossians 3:4*

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Memorize Colossians 3:1-2
- Sign up for a connect group today
- Sign up for the women's breakfast
- Read the letter to the Colossians this week