

## The New Man/ Woman

- We **think on things above** so we can **live out the fullness** of Christ
- The well-dressed Christian

<sup>12</sup> **Put on** then, as **God's chosen ones**, holy and beloved, compassionate

hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

- **Put on** – Put on The Lord: ἐνδύω; endýō; en-doo'-oh “To clothe, sink into”
  - Luke 24:49 –And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are **clothed** with power from on high."
  - Romans 13:14 –But **put on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:53 – For this perishable body must **put on** the imperishable, and this mortal body must **put on** immortality.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:2-3 – <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by **putting it on** we may not be found naked.
    - put on – This word means “To be clothed.”
  - Ephesians 6:11 –**Put on** the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.



- The White suit– We can put Him on, “Be clothed” when we start our day
  - Visualize the cleanliness, Holiness, and righteousness afforded us because of His washing us.
  - We were just instructed to “Put off” the flesh and world



- The enemy will try to tell you about your old, smelly, dirty clothing that you wore out with the world.

- Derick's working with Larry Luv and the asphalt story.
  - He had to take them off after. Throw out!
- God's chosen ones –
  - This is a radioactive term in church history: “Elect, chosen”
    - ἐκλεκτός; eklektós; ek-lek-tos'
      - Eclectic: "not confined to or following any one model or system,"<sup>1</sup>
      - Elect/ Chosen ones – God's choice is sovereign, and He can do what He wants.
      - His nature and Character revealed in Scripture are one of kindness, fairness, Justice, Grace and mercy.
      - **God's election is not** a fatalistic/ deterministic one in which He creates people specifically for damnation and others for salvation.
        - This is a construct to which the early church (1<sup>st</sup> 400 years) **did not** subscribe.
        - Augustine brought fatalistic/determinist thinking into the church.

**Notice faith in all these examples:**

- **God chose Noah** to Build the Arc. Only seven listened (Enough to turn/ repent and follow God) when he preached about God. – There was room for more than just eight people.
- **God chose Abraham** to leave Mesopotamia, walk before God as blameless, and father Issac and then Grandfather Jacob.
- Those who followed Abraham's God were welcomed into faith; the other people chose not to follow his God.
- **God chose Israel** to be set apart from the nations of the world.
- **Note:** God did not specifically create the other nations for the purpose of damnation; He chose Israel to be a light to all the nations.
- **God chose David** to rule as king. God didn't condemn Saul; Saul condemned himself.
- **God chose Jonah** to be a messenger to another country, and they repented 🙄
- **God chose Jesus** to be the Messiah, the way of salvation! He is the “Chosen ONE!” If you are in Him by faith, then you are chosen.
- **The 12 disciples** were chosen for a specific purpose, it doesn't condemn the others.
  - It's not even for salvation, its for a purpose
- **You are chosen in Him to be conformed to the image of Christ**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.etymonline.com/search?q=eclectic>

- The invitation has gone out to everyone, and everyone has been provided<sup>2</sup> for.
  - Not everyone will respond positively to the invite.
  - Not because of God making them so they cannot respond, but because they choose to reject His invitation.
- This view makes evangelism legitimate & worthwhile! Otherwise, preaching to someone whom God made in such a way as not to come to Him is futile
  - Once more, you are lying if you tell them to come to God when they can't!
- You are “chosen ones” because we are in God’s Chosen One!
- 2 Timothy 2:20-21 – <sup>20</sup>Now in a great house there are not only **vessels** of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will **be a vessel** for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.
- holy and beloved – Holy: Right in His sight because of Christ, I
  - Loved – agapáō
  - Loved by God – how many only feel judged by God?
    - We must know, He loves us!
- compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience –how we treat other people is an indication of our Christian walk.
  - Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
    - The world is heartless; we are to be compassionate
      - Com-passion: To suffer with
    - Kindness – profitable, helpful to others, gentleness
    - Humility – Humbleness of mind
    - Meekness – Not weakness, but gentleness, humility, courtesy, considerateness, power under control
    - Patience – Long-suffering

<sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <

put on love – Agape, like a garment!

- *Agape* loves even when there are obvious and glaring deficiencies, even when the receiver is unworthy of the love. – Guzik

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<sup>2</sup> For more information on the Traditionalist/ Provisionist theological view see <https://soteriology101.com/about-2/statement-of-faith/>

<sup>15</sup> And let **the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were **called in one body**. And be thankful.

- **Peace of Christ/ God** – many manuscripts have “Peace of God” here
  - Similar concept in other prison Epistles:
    - [Philippians 4:6-7](#) – <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
    - [Ephesians 4:3](#) – making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.
    - [Ephesians 6:15](#) – by fitting your feet with the preparation that comes from the good news of **peace**,
- **Rule** – We call Him king. Do we let **Him rule**?
  - That means His peace should have the jurisdiction to override our fleshly tendencies
  - Let the **peace of God** be the umpire or referee in your heart.
    - Calling it as He sees it!
      - “If the peace of Jesus Christ is the umpire in any man's heart, then, when feelings clash and we are pulled in two directions at the same time, the decision of Christ will keep us in the way of love and the Church will remain the one body it is meant to be. The way to right action is to appoint Jesus Christ as the arbiter between the conflicting emotions in our hearts; and if we accept his decisions, we cannot go wrong.” –**William Barclay** <sup>3</sup>
- **called in one body** – In Christ we are called. We make up the body which He is the head, [Colossians 1:18](#)

<sup>16</sup> Let the **word of Christ dwell in you** richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- **Word of Christ** – The doctrine of Jesus, the Word of God,

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<sup>3</sup> Barclay, William. "Commentary on Colossians 3". "William Barclay's Daily Study Bible". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/dsb/colossians-3.html>. 1956-1959.

- **dwell in you** – The living word!
  - The word here is logos.
    - Same as John 1:14–<sup>14</sup> And the **Word** became flesh and **dwelt** among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
    - Philippians 4:9 – And what you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these things. And the **God of peace** will be **with you**.
- teaching and admonishing –
- psalms, hymns, spiritual songs – When you know the God of the Word, you will make melody from joy
- thankfulness in your hearts – Thanksgiving is purest when from the heart of gratefulness

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord

Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**,
  - When we put away the things of this world and put on Christ, we can do things in His name.
    - When I worked for Comcast, when I would show up at a business or household, people would often say, “Comcast is here.”
      - The things I did were under the authority of and in the name of the organization I represented.
      - If I were having a bad day or going through something unrelated to Comcast, I needed to be sure not to let it affect the company’s image.
      - We represent Christ; we best represent him when we put off the world and put Him on!
      - Cross reference vs 23!

### **Holiness in the home**

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> **Husbands**, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

- Almost exactly what Ephesians 5 states .

<sup>21</sup> **Fathers**, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

- Notice he doesn't need to instruct mothers 2x

### Holiness on the job

<sup>22</sup> Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> **Whatever you do, work heartily,** as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- **Whatever you do** – **Notice:** Paul doesn't give a checklist here. It's a mind/soul set that will direct things!
- **work heartily,** – from your soul, out of your very life, from the depth of your being

<sup>25</sup> **For the wrongdoer will be paid back** for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

- **For the wrongdoer will be paid back** – This goes far beyond the term, “what goes around comes around.”
  - We don't need to help God out with the judgment
  - [Romans 12:19](#) – Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it **is** written, “**Vengeance is mine, I will repay,** says the Lord.”
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  - Trust that God will repay and see every right & wrong done by us, and to us.
    - The “**Word of Christ and Peace of God ruling**” in our hearts

You clean up nice! In Christ!!

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.