

Sermon Outline

Week 1

April 8, 2026



IN STEP
with the Holy Spirit

in the Word with Pastor John

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Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit

Old Testament Hebrew term for Step: אָשַׁר; âshur;

- Literal: In walking, moving, going, to step.
- Figuratively: In the sense of the way one leads or carries out their life.
- Proverbs 14:15 The simple believe anything, **but the wise give thought to their steps.**

New Testament Greek term for Step: **στοιχέω; stoichéō;**

- Literally: To be in step/in cadence with, to keep in step, to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier, to go in order with and of.
- Metaphorically: To go on prosperously, to turn out well. To direct one's life, on how to live. To conform to a virtue, a piety, to walk orderly
- Romans 4:12 "walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham..."

In Step with the Regeneration of the Spirit: Regeneration of the Spirit is synonymous with renewal of the Spirit. It is when the Holy Spirit works in our lives to renew into the person God desires for us to become.

Colossians 3:5: **Put to death**, therefore, **whatever** belongs

νεκρόω; nekroō;

- to make dead, to slay, to kill;
- to deprive of power,
- to destroy the strength of...

ὅσος; hósos;

Whatever, Anything, Whoever

3:5 **Put to death**, therefore, **whatever** belongs to **your earthly nature:** sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you **must also rid yourselves** of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

ἀποτίθημι; apotithēmi;

- To lay aside, to put away;
- To shake off, cast off;
- Such as when you throw something away in the trash

⁹Do not lie to each other, since **you have taken off your old self** with its practices...

- Implies an action we have taken ourselves; a self initiative.

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ἀπεκδύομαι; apekdýomai;

- To entirely take off of oneself

⁹Do not lie to each other, since **you have taken off your old self** with its practices

παλαιός, palaiós;

- What is no longer useful

- Matthew 9:16 "No one patches up an old coat with a piece of new cloth, for the new patch will shrink and make an even bigger hole in the coat. (GNT)
- Luke 5:37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. (NIV)
- 1 Corinthians 5:6 It is not right for you to be proud! You know the saying, "A little bit of yeast makes the whole batch of dough rise." ⁷You must remove the old yeast of sin so that you will be entirely pure. Then you will be like a new batch of dough without any yeast, as indeed I know you actually are.
- Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
- Romans 6:6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the **new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

ἀνακαινῶω; anakainōō;

- To be changed into a new kind of live as to opposed to the former corrupt state
- It's a process...it's a work in progress
- A **Process of Mutual Agreement** between you & the Holy Spirit

- To cause to grow up, mature; to make new.
- To be given/receive new strength and vigor.

METAMORFISIS:

"Because of the Resurrection, I don't have to crawl the rest of my life"

— Pastor Ken Foreman

2 Corinthians 4:16: For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is **renewed** day after day.

ἀνακαινῶω; anakainōō;

- This is a process...day after day
- A Spiritual Relationship of Reciprocal give and take...
- Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

This is a matter of keeping in step with the Spirit... a relationship...

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

Colossians 3:¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²**Set your minds on things above**, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ **Put to death**, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also **rid yourselves of all such things** as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ **Do not lie to each other**, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ **Bear with each other** and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive** as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And **be thankful**. ¹⁶ **Let the message of Christ dwell among you** richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**