

“New Clothes for the New You”

Colossians 3:5-14

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“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

2. This “renewal” we need is the ongoing work of _____ in us, through His _____, making us more like _____.

3. We are renewed when . . .

- we _____, _____, and _____ the things of our old “life”.
- we _____ what God says -- that we’re chosen, _____, and _____.
- we put on the _____ of _____.

4. The knowledge of _____, His _____, and His _____ for us is central to our renewal.

5. As God renews us in Christ’s image, we’re able see _____ in others, and we truly become _____ in Him.

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¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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- we recognize, reject, and abandon the things of our old “life” (flesh).
- we believe what God says -- that we’re chosen, holy, and dearly loved.
- we put on the new clothes of Christ.

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