

**Do I Walk in the New?**  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Morning Worship**

**Put On the New Self**

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**10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

- If I asked you what it means to you to live of the Gospel, what does that mean to you?
  - What type of lifestyles come to mind when you think of this?
  - How much of your current daily living would you HAVE to incorporate if you were the one to define this living out the gospel?
- Now, what do you think God thinks about what you think of how He wants you to live?
- Today, I want to look at God's definition of this life He has designed and determined that we should live

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- **IF** you're risen with Christ?
  - Just so you know, you will answer these questions today
  - You're not giving me the answer
  - You're not even giving God the answer...He already knows
  - The one who needs to really be aware of your answers today are you
- So, if you're risen with Christ is simply asking/stating
  - Are you dead to all that you are?
  - Are you buried to all that you are?
  - Are you Living in all that Christ is?
- If you are...
  - Then you will actively be looking for that which comes from above
    - Christ came from above right?
    - What else is it we need that **ONLY** comes from above?
    - Wisdom!
      - **James 3:13** Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
      - 14** *But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.*
      - 15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
      - 16** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
      - 17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

**18** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

- How do we get Wisdom?
  - **James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- You will also be pursuing a loving relationship with Christ
  - We choose what we love
  - This is why we “set our affections”
  - What you love will be what you pursue
- Living the Gospel means that Christ doesn't just have your life, but that He is your life

**4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

- Did you know that “IF” you're in Christ, you WILL be made like Christ?
  - We are made in His image
    - **Genesis 1:26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.  
**27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
  - We are pre-destined to be like Him
    - **Romans 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.  
**30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
  - So, when He comes to take away His Bride...

- **1Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- Why do we wait to be alive?
- We have instructions on how we can live IN Newness of life!

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- Here are our steps to take...
  - Mortify: deaden, subdue who you are...die to who we are
    - Fornication: sexual adultery and spiritual adultery
    - Uncleanness: being impure in thought and action
    - Inordinate Affection: loving things that are not of God
    - Evil Concupiscence: lusting for things that are not of God
    - Covetousness: wanting to be your own God
- Why must we take these steps?
  - These are the things about us that made Christ have to die on the cross for us
  - These are the sins that those without Christ will give atonement for, for all of eternity
- These things are to be past tense...walked...lived

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- You might say...I really don't struggle with fornication, impurity, loving things or lusting things that are not of God and I walk with Him each day!
  - Ok, praise the Lord! Let's get a little deeper
  - Put off all these too because you still look like you
    - Anger: letting little things bother you
    - Wrath: the little things are getting bigger
    - Malice: Now you have to let your anger and wrath known
    - Blasphemy: God wasn't big enough to help me with my anger, wrath, and malice
    - Filthy communication: Now what comes out of me looks and sounds nothing like Christ
    - Lie not to one another...
      - Sorry but not sorry...
      - "I'm fine"
      - Nothing is wrong
      - You are a wonderful person (who I cannot stand)
      - Sure, God's ok with that
      - You owe me nothing
      - You don't have to apologize
      - Sure you can sit there
      - No, that dress makes you look...you look great
    - We struggle with more than we like to admit with this whole "putting off the old man with his deeds"
    - We may need some help...
- You see, just putting off the old man is not enough...
  - Jesus said this concerning getting rid of the old, but not putting something there to replace it
    - **Matthew 12:43** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

- **44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.
- **45** Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.
- If we don't put on the new man, the old man will always come back worse than when he left
  - Repenting isn't just turning from our sin, but it a turning unto Christ

**10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

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- Remember, we are all made in the image of Christ
  - There was no white, black, yellow, brown, or whatever you want to ascribe to, there was only Christ
- Sin brought the division, not Christ
  - Sin will always divide us from Christ
  - Repentance from sin to Christ is how we “put on the new man”
  - Jesus said...” If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. **John 8:31-32**
  - When He said this those listening said, “oh, Jesus, we are not in any bondage, we are free.”
  - Jesus' reply is to all of us...
    - **John 8:34** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
    - 35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

**36** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

**37** I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

**38** I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father."

- **Simply put...if you want to be the new version Christ has for you...you simply need to KNOW HIM**
  - **That's what Paul wrote to us here in our passage**
  - **“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him”**
- **You want the new life Christ has for each of us here today...easy, spend more time with Him**