

# Your New Wardrobe--Part 1



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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

**Relationship Renovation in MY FAMILY begins with Divine Renovation in ME.**

**Putting ON Christ-like Ways Requires Taking OFF Christ-less Ways.**

*5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

—Colossians 3:5-10 (ESV)

**1. Christ-less Ways CAN be Overcome and Removed from our Lives.**

*1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

—Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)

**Without Christ, we were: DEAD Spiritually, DISOBEDIENT to Christ, DOMINATED by Sin , and DOOMED to Wrath.**

*4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus  
—Ephesians 2:4-6 (ESV)*

**With Christ, we are: RAISED Spiritually, RECONCILED to Christ , RELEASED from Sin's Power, and RESCUED from Wrath.**

**2. Christ-less Ways no Longer MATCH Who We are in Christ**

**3. Christ-less Ways Come Off...**

***A. As We KNOW Jesus Better***

***B. As We DEPEND on Jesus More Completely***

*5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

*—John 15:5 (ESV)*

*43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*

*—John 11:43-44 (ESV)*