

The Old Self and The New Self

After becoming a Christian, we are to continually put off the old self and put on the new self

Eph 4:17-5:2

Introduction

- Challenge for all Christians – overcome sinful culture in which we have been immersed
- Paul's letters explain differences between the Christian character and the worldly character they had previously developed
- Ephesus was the chief city in Asia-Minor and center of trade and idol worship

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Introduction

- But, people were saved and a local church was established
- In Eph. 4:17-5:2, Paul writes reminding them of their previous sinful lost condition
- He writes of the need to have their minds renewed and transformed by the gospel
- To do this involves the putting off of the old self and putting on of the new self

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- This transformation is not automatic and instantaneous
- It can only happen with our continual cooperation with God who is working in us through His Word
- Old sinful habits die hard but with God's help, we can put them to death replacing them with His righteous character to His glory

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Do not live in our former learned sinful lost condition

Eph 4:17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

Eph 4:18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

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Eph 4:19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

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Do not live in our former learned sinful lost condition

- Their and our previous condition – futility of their mind
- Condition produced by ignorance of God's will and compounded by hardened heart, not wanting to know His will but wanting to practice sin and feel good about it
- Result – excluded from the life of God
- The old self has been learned not inherited
- We must not live in the old self

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Our sinful lost condition learned not inherited at birth

Eze 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

Mat 18:4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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Our sinful lost condition learned not inherited at birth

2Pe 2:14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

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Put off the old self, be renewed, put on the new self, be transformed

- When we become Christians, we receive forgiveness of sins, the old self is crucified, buried and we are raised to a new life
- Over a lifetime, we must learn to live this new life
- To have our character, thinking, desires and practices, transformed, our minds must be renewed by God's Word

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- As we continue to repent, put off the old self, confess our sins to God and pray for mercy, He forgives us
- Renewed and rejoicing in His mercy, we put on the new self, praying for God to change us, allowing His Word, the gospel, to dwell in our hearts
- We continue daily to be renewed and transformed into Jesus' image, using our bodies as a living sacrifice to His glory

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Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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Eph 4:20 But you did not learn Christ in this way,

Eph 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

Eph 4:22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

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Eph 4:23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph 4:24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

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Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Put off falsehood and put on
truth

Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

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Put off sinful anger and put on
righteous anger

Eph 4:26 BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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Put off stealing and put on
working and sharing

Eph 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

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Put off unwholesome speech
and put on edifying speech

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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Put off grudge holding and put on forgiveness

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Walk in love

Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

Eph 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

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1. Do not live in our former learned sinful lost condition
2. Put off the old self, be renewed, put on the new self, be transformed
3. Examples of putting off the old self and putting on the new self

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