

Colossians 3.10-14 – Put On The New Self!

“Put On The New Self” Is Individual (vv. 9-10)

- 1. The New Self is Not The New Creation Given at Conversion**
- 2. Illusion to the Old Testament**
 - a. Adam & Eve = Created in the Image of God (**Gen 1.27**); Intimate Knowledge of God
 - b. Fall of Man – Defaced Image and lost knowledge
- 3. Knowledge and Image of God is Redeemed in Christ**
 - a. Sanctification – being renewed; Lifelong Process
 - b. Christian Become What You Are!
 - c. Become Like Christ
- 4. Christ is the Image of God (Col 1.15-16)**
 - a. We are in Christ = Made New (**1 Cor 5.17**)
 - b. In this life we work toward perfection

“Put On The New Self” Is Corporate (v. 11; see also v. 15)

- 1. Inclusive Unity in the Church**
 - a. Lordship of Adam: Rooted in disobedience, sin and death
 - b. Realm of Adam: Disunity and Separation
 - c. Lordship of Christ: Rooted in the Cross and Resurrection, righteousness and life
 - d. Realm of Christ: Unity and Community
 - e. Ethnicity, Social Class, Etc. are Equal at the Foot of the Cross (**Gal 3.27-28, 1 Cor 12.13**)
- 2. Christ is All and In All**
 - a. The Fundamental Identity is Found in Jesus
 - b. Christ and NOT Self is all

John Piper says this is “a most precious reality for the new man or woman in Christ: Finally, I can forget myself and be satisfied with the all satisfying Christ.”

Four Truths On Adorning Ourselves With The New Self (vv. 12-17)

- 1. The Believers Status In Christ Manifested in Our Inner Attitude and Practice (vv. 12-13)**
 - a. Basis of New Status: Christians are Chosen, Holy, and Beloved (**Deut 14.2, 7.6-7; 1 Thess 1.4, 2 Thess 2.13; 1 Peter 2.9**)
 - b. Put on The New Self
 - i. Put on Christ (**Rom 13.14**)
 - ii. Put on the Virtues that Characterize Christ (**Mat 9.36, 14.4; Lk 6.35; Phil 2.8; Mat 11.29; 2 Peter 3.9**)
 - c. Bear With One Another (**v. 13a**)
 - d. Church is Diverse = Willing to Put Up with Difficult Circumstances and People (**Matt 17.14-20**) for the Sake of Community
 - e. Forgive One Another as the Lord Forgave You (**v. 13b**)
- 2. Love Binds All These Virtues Together In Unity (v. 14)**
 - a. Perfection in Ministry Reached as Love Binds the Virtues Together (**Col 1.28**)
- 3. The Peace of Christ Reigning and the Message of Christ Dwelling in Our Hearts (vv. 15-16)**
 - a. Peace with God in Christ’s Blood (**Col 1.19-20**)
 - b. Peace of Christ is an Umpire/Official in Heart
 - c. Peace of Christ is a Calling
 - d. The Word of Christ = Message of Christ
 - e. Takes Up Residence in the Heart (**Jn 15.7**)
 - f. Occurs Through Teaching, Admonishing, and Singing
- 4. Gratitude/Thankfulness to God (vv. 15 and 17)**
 - a. Every Virtue Adorned and Every Good Deed Acted is Done by the Power of the Spirit