

Putting Off/ Putting On (Ephesians 4:20-24)

- I. **Introduction**
 - A. Illustration
 - B. Context of the text (commands to individuals as to how to live in a corporate context)
 - C. Overview Eph 4:20-24 and outline of the sermon

- II. **How have you learned Christ?**
 - A. *Learn Christ*
 1. 2 Co 4:15, 1 Co 1:23, 2 Co 1:19
 2. Not *about* Christ
 3. All precepts must be understood as being obeyed and fulfilled only based upon our union with Christ
 - B. *Hear Christ*
 1. Christ is your teacher - Christ teaches Christ
 2. Mark 9:1-4 Hear Him!
 - C. *Be taught in Christ*
 1. Christ is the atmosphere of His teaching
 2. Deut 4:35-36
Deut 30:11-14
 - D. *Will you hear Him, while it is today? (Ps 95:7-8, John 5:28-29)*

- III. **What is this truth that is in Jesus?**
 - A. *Put off the old man* (v. 22)
 1. The *old man* is corrupt – you cannot reform him
 2. *Put off* is an aorist infinitive – a definitive and decisive action that is already complete
 - a. Rom 6:5-6., Gal 2:20
 - B. *Put on the new man* (v. 24)
 1. *put on* is an aorist infinitive
 2. This is not a moral command, but a statement of what is done
 - a. Phil 2:12-13, Col 3:9-10
 3. The emphasis of this text is on the **contrasts** of *old* and *new*
 4. *The new man is created by God in righteousness and holiness*
 - C. *Being renewed in the spirit of your mind*
 1. a present infinitive – a continual activity
 2. a renewed mind will affect your mindset and every decision
 - D. Understanding the **duality** between *condition* and *atmosphere*
 1. illustrated in Israel's deliverance and ensuing journey
 2. illustrated in baptism and the Lord's Supper

- IV. **Application –**
 - A. *How have you learned Jesus? **Learn Christ rightly!***
 - B. *What are you wearing? **Put off the old and put on the new!***
 - C. *Is your thinking typified by the mind of Christ? **Renew you mind!***