

**BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**  
**THE BELIEVER'S NEW LIFE-PART 2**  
**COLOSSIANS 3:10-16**

**Introduction:**

Anytime is a good time for us as God's people to take inventory of our walk with the Lord. We should take a very close look at where we are in our relationship with Him. We need to examine ourselves and see where we have been, where we are, and where the Lord wants us to be. This passage gives us the opportunity and the challenge to do just that.

We've seen in our last two messages how that:

**I. *THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE ARE TO SEEK AND SET OUR AFFECTIONS ON! "Those Things Which Are Above"***

1. *Heavenly Things. (Not earthly things)*
2. *Spiritual Things. (Not physical things)*
3. *Eternal Things. (Not temporal things)*
4. *Things That Are Of God. (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit)*
  - a. *Holy Things.*
  - b. *Things Pertaining To The Will Of God.*
  - c. *Things Pertaining To The Worship Of God.*
  - d. *Things Pertaining To The Glory Of God.*

**II. *THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE ARE NOT TO SEEK OR SET OUR AFFECTIONS ON! "Not On Things On The Earth."***

- A. *False Doctrine.*
- B. *Foolish Demands.*
- C. *Fleshly Deeds.*

*How can we be victorious over the sin in our lives?*

  1. *We Can Starve The Fleshly Appetites.*
  2. *We Can Crowd It Out.*

**III. *THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE MUST REMEMBER! (Vs. 3-4)***

- A. *There Has Been A Death. (vs. 3a)*
- B. *There Has Been A Deposit! (vs. 3b)*

*When we were saved, we were given new life in Jesus. This new life imparts to us the "divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4)*
- C. *There Is A Guaranteed Destiny! (vs. 4)*

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**IV. **THERE IS A NEW MAN WE ARE TO PUT ON! (Vs 10-16)****

**A. **The Characteristics Of This New Man.****

1. **This New Man Is Renewed In Knowledge After The Image Of Him Who Created Him. (i.e. Christ Jesus!) (Vs 10)**

The Christian is in a continuing education program. **The more we know of Christ and His work, the more we will be changed into His likeness!**

**The knowledge that this is speaking of here is not just book knowledge, but rather experiential knowledge!** (i.e. Putting into practice what one has learned! Exercising our knowledge!)

Because this is a lifelong process, we should **NEVER CEASE** learning and putting into practice what we learn! We are not to just drift along in our lives as Christians!

2. **Christ Is All In All! (Vs 11)**

He is **THE CATALYST** that brings together individuals and groups who are separate and makes them one in Christ.

In chemistry, a catalyst is a substance that is placed with elements that are opposed and brings them together in a new compound. That's what Christ does!

3. **Bowels Of Mercy! (Vs 12)**

This is talking about a *heart of compassion!*  
*Being full of pity or sympathy!*  
(e.g. The news of the death of Stephen Hawking)

We have to guard our attitudes as iniquity abounds!

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*Matthew 24:12—“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*

4. **Kindness! (Vs 12)**  
*This is speaking of moral excellence (in character or demeanor). Translated in other places as gentleness and goodness as well as kindness.*
5. **Humbleness Of Mind! (Vs 12)**  
*The state of being humble or low; humility.*
6. **Meekness! (Vs 12)**  
*Softness of temper; mildness; gentleness; forbearance under injuries and provocations.*  
*This too is speaking of humility.*
7. **Longsuffering! (Vs 12)**  
*Bearing injuries or provocation for a long time; patient; not easily provoked; Long endurance; patience of offense.*
8. **Forbearing One Another! (Vs 13)**  
*To put up with; it is having command of one's temper; it is **to not be retaliatory**. It is the exercise of patience and longsuffering.*
9. **Forgiving One Another! (Vs 13)**  
*Pardoning; inclined to overlook offenses.*
10. **Charity! (Agape' Love!) (Vs 14)**  
*Seeking the highest good for another; sacrificial love.; that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow men, and to do them good.*

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11. **Peace Of God! (Vs 15)**  
The peace of God comes from first having a right relationship with God. *A/K/A “Peace with God.”*

*“Peace Of God” is a state of quiet or tranquillity; freedom from disturbance or agitation.*

**Philippians 4:6-9**

12. **Thankfulness! (Vs 15)**

**B. There Are Three Key Rules Of Putting On The New Man:**

1. **Let! (Vs 15, 16)**  
*The word means to give the right of way! (Yield)*  
**Rule #1—I am to completely surrender my life to the control of the Lord.**
2. **Rule! (Vs 15)**  
*The word means to act as an umpire by directing the course of things.*  
**Rule #2 – I am to submit my life to God's absolute authority to direct my course of living.**
3. **Dwell! (Vs 16)**  
*The word means to live inside as a permanent dwelling place.*  
**Rule #3 – I am to empty myself of my plans and allow God's Word to be the plan for my life.**

**For the Word of Christ to “dwell in us richly in all wisdom,” we need to fill our hearts and minds with the Word Of Christ at every opportunity.**

- a. This Will Affect Our Church Life.
- b. This Will Affect Our Devotional Life.

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- c. This Will Affect Our Joy In Life.
- d This Will Affect Every Aspect Of Life.

**Conclusion:**

**Have you PUT ON the Lord Jesus Christ?**

*Romans 13:14–“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”*

**Have you COMPLETELY SURRENDERED YOUR LIFE TO THE CONTROL OF THE LORD?**

Have you **SUBMITTED YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY** to direct your course of living. (If God is your co-pilot, you need to switch seats!)

Have you **EMPTIED YOURSELF OF YOUR PLANS** and allowed God's Word to be your plan for life?

If not, you're **NOT** where the Lord intends for you to be in your Christian walk!