

PUTTING OFF THE OLD MAN

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A. We've all heard the adage, off with the old and on with the new.

1. We buy new clothes, we discard the old ones
2. A child gets a new toy, the old one's cast aside.
3. We trade in the old car for a new one
4. And we sell the old house and purchase one that is new.
5. We sing "Auld Lang Zion" to bid the old year farewell and usher in the new one

This morning, I want us to talk about putting off the old man and putting on the new man. This thought comes from the writings of the apostle Paul in Eph. Cha. 4:20-24

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Eph. 4:20-24 - ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

- A. Paul is saying for us to put off the old man which is worldly and filthy
- B. And put on the new man that is pure and white, washed in the blood of the lamb.
- C. Several things must be done in order to achieve this.
- D. For our lesson today, I want us to discuss this process.

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Three things have to take place for us to be successful in making this change.

- ◆ We must transform our thinking to harmonize with God's will
- ◆ We must feed upon God's word
- ◆ We must understand & follow God's word

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I. First, let's talk about transforming our thinking to harmonize with God's will

A. Solomon slaps us with reality in **Prov.23:7** - **For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.**

1. Man is not always inclined to think the right way. Therefore, we must change our thinking.

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A. Paul tells us the necessity of this and how to do it in **Rom.12:1-2** - ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

B. Paul says two things can happen here.

1. We can either conform to the world – which means that we basically accept what the world gives us as most people do
2. Or we transform – we renew ourselves – we change to follow the perfect will of God.

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Next – We must feed upon God’s word

A. Listen to David in **Psa. 1:1-2**. - **Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.**

1. What about the law? You meditate on it – You concentrate on it – It delights you

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A. Peter tells us to desire it as a baby does milk - **1 Pet. 2:2** - **as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby**

1. Paul tells us we can accomplish this through study of God’s word - **1 Tim. 2:15**. **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

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Third – We must understand and follow God’s word

A. You know, a lot of people want to ride the Christian wagon.

1. They want all the benefits of being a Christian, but they don’t want to follow the rules.
2. Jesus says, that’s not possible. **Mt.7:21**, "**Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

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A. James tells us in **James 1:21**, you can’t just be hearers, you must be doers.

1. Those who hear only, deceive themselves.
2. Those who hear only, become forgetful.
 - a. What do they forget? They forget who they are – or whose they are
 - b. They forget that they are supposed to work, not just ride the wagon.

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II. Now, let’s look at the thinking of the old man.

A. As you look at this list, you will say, I’m not this way.

1. No, you’re probably not – But remember Paul is talking about people who are of the heathen world and have literally gone too far with their corruption.

Futile in their Minds – **17** - lacking serious value, substance, or a sense of responsibility
Understanding Darkened – **18** In other words, at one time they were enlightened. They had it and lost it
Alienated from Life – **18** – You have been separated from God.
Ignorant & Blind – **18** – You do not understand – You do not want to understand.
Past Feeling – There is no shame – And there is no more hope – You are at the point of despair.
Serves Lewdness – **19** – Some versions use the word lasciviousness. Which means self-indulgence
With Greediness – **19**
Grows Corrupt Because of Deceitful Lust – **22**

B. This is the “OLD MAN” state of mind which will lead to certain action – WHAT IS THIS ACTION?

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1. **25** - Lying,
2. **26** - Vengeful & harbored anger – Holding a grudge – Never forgiving
3. **27** - Giving the devil a place –
 - a. When you give place to the devil, you are looking for the opportunity to let him in, to unite with him, to put him in control.
 - b. It's bad enough when he sneaks in, catches you off guard and causes you to sin, but to open the door?
4. **28** - Stealing
5. **29** - Corrupt words
6. **30** - Grieves the Holy Spirit of God – How do you grieve the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Jamison, Faucet, Brown Commentary says you do it with your inconsistencies
7. **31** - That's why the next verse says, Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

SLIDE 13**III. IF YOU ARE GOING TO PUT OFF THE OLD MAN**

A. You've got to change your mind.

1. You need to adjust your attitude
2. You need to realize you have been raised with Christ.
3. You need to look up!!! Where Christ is – sitting at the right hand of God.
4. Pull your mind out of the earth and set on heavenly things.
5. When you became a Christian, YOU DIED TO SIN!
6. Your life is now in Christ, Jesus and hidden within Him.

IV. THIS IS YOUR NEW STATE OF MIND – AND IT WILL BRING NEW ACTIONS

A. All of these old things are all gone - They are no longer a part of you - Because you are brand new

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B. Listen to how Paul describes the new man:

1. The new man is **“renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.”**
2. Therefore, the new man's list is going to be quite different:
3. What has the new man put on?

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C. Read list FROM SCREEN

1. These are the things that the new man possesses
2. This creates a much better life than the old one, doesn't it?

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A. This takes us back to what I said at the beginning of the lesson:

1. We can accomplish this when we:

- ◆ We transform our thinking to harmonize with God's will
- ◆ We feed upon God's word
- ◆ We understand & follow God's word

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B. By putting off the old man and putting on the new:

- ◆ We are "No longer a slave to sin"
- ◆ We have "moved on from our past"
- ◆ We have "Forgiven those who have hurt us"
- ◆ We have asked for forgiveness from those we have hurt.
- ◆ We have Committed ourselves to being faithful to God!

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A. You can put off the old man in your life today through obedience to the gospel.

1. Here is what is needed from you to put away the old man and put on the new.
2. If you have done this, but have let the old man back into your life, repent of this and come back to The Lord.

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