



## Put On The New

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- Paul's emphasis throughout chaps. 1-3 is that 'we are in Christ'
- Paul reminds his readers of the truths of the gospel / Remembering important for us also
- What is the Gospel?
  - The fall of man
  - God made a provision for us in Christ's death
  - God's approval verified by Christ's resurrection
  - Our faith is based on historical events
- Paul lays displays the Gospel in Eph chaps. 1-3:
  - *God's plan of salvation was conceived before the creation of the world (Eph. 1:4)*
  - *We were objects of God's wrath, dead in transgressions and sins, subjects to the ruler of the kingdom of disobedience (Eph 2:2 -3)*
  - *Because of His great love for us God made us alive in Christ (Eph 2:4)*
  - *We have redemption and forgiveness of sins through His blood (Eph 1:7)*
  - *We were included into God's plan of salvation when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation (Eph 1:13)*
  - *We are sealed with the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance (Eph 1:13)*
  - *We are citizens of God's kingdom and members of His household (Eph 2:19)*
  - *Through Christ and our faith in Him, we can approach God in freedom and confidence. (Eph 3:12)*
  - *All things in heaven and earth have been brought together under the headship of Christ (Eph 1:10)*
  - *God has raised us up and has seated us with Christ (Eph 2:6)*
  - *His Church is a body where God lives by His Spirit (Eph2:22)*
- The futility of our thinking and the hardness of heart that follows (Eph: 4:17-18)
- Knowing the truth is a first step toward a God-like lifestyle ....*"As a man thinks in his heart so is he" Prov. 23*

- The Core of today's teaching: (Eph 4:22-24): Putting off the 'old self' and putting on the 'new self' is the work of God through Christ
  - In baptism we died with Christ and were raised in His resurrection
- The putting off and putting on is like an old corrupt coat and a new clean coat
  - Analogy of a prisoner being pardoned and given a new life
- Paul says to be renewed in the 'spirit of your mind'
  - Smorgasbord of worldviews
  - Cohesiveness of Christian worldview is unified in Christ
  - The Importance of a Christian Worldview <https://www.gospelproject.com/the-importance-of-a-christian-worldview/>
- Specific commands to 'put off' and 'put on'
  - Truth (Eph 4:25)
  - Anger (Eph 4:26)
  - Stealing (Eph 4:28)
  - Unwholesome talk (Eph 4:29)
  - Rage, anger, malice (Eph 4:31-32)
- Paul's warning not to - grieve the Spirit (Eph 4:30)
- Paul's writings can be very deep
- Summary thoughts on Paul's teaching in vss. 17-32
  - We have security in Christ
  - In the 'New Self' we have a source of strength
  - Therefore put on 'New Self'
- Difference between receiving commands in the Old Testament versus the New Testament