

The New Man

Colossians 3:7-11

Intro:

- A. The Colossians are, "Risen with Christ."
 - 1. Vs. 3 They were dead to the old life.
 - 2. Vs. 1 They were to, "seek those things which are above."
 - 3. Vs. 5 They were to "mortify their members."

- B. They had lived among and had been involved with the wicked of this world.
 - 1. Vs. 7 "In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them."
 - 2. These christians had a vital link, by virtue of their past, with those who lived according to the system of the world.
 - 3. They must not once again become habitual practitioners of these kinds of sin.

I. They Were To Put Off The Old Man.

- A. Vs. 8 "But now ye also put off all these;
 - 1. "Put Off" = αποθεσθε = "to lay aside", "place from".
 - 2. "But now you too must place away from you (since they do not belong to risen ones) these sins..."

- B. "anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."
 - 1. "Anger" = οργη = "violent emotional outbursts", "the uncontrolled expression of anger".
 - 2. "Wrath" = θυμος = "boiling up", "burning anger".
 - 3. "Malice" = κακια = "one's vicious nature", "intending to do another harm", "malicious gossip".
 - 4. "Blasphemy" = βλασφημια = "slander", "the attempt to belittle and cause another's downfall".
 - 5. "Filthy communication" = αισχρολογια = "dirty speech", "filthy language", "obscene words".
 - 6. The phrase, "out of your mouth," makes these words apply to one's use of the tongue as the source of these sins that were being practiced upon one another.

- C. Vs. 9 "Lie not one to another..."
1. "Lie not" = ψευδεσθε = "false", "deceiving", They should not use words to deceive and manipulated one another.
 2. "Stop lying and deceiving..."
- D. "...seeing that ye have put off the old man and his deeds."
1. "Put off" = απεκδυομαι = "to take off completely", "to put totally from one's self".
 2. "Deeds" = πραξις = "a doing" (the action being regarded as incomplete and in progress)
 3. "Having stripped off the old man together with his practices..." - Rhm

II. They Should Put On The New Man.

- A. Vs. 10 "And have put on the new man..."
1. "Put on" = ενδυομαι = "to put on one's self", "to cloth one's self".
 2. "New" = νεον = "new, but only in point of time, lately originated, as well as different".
 3. They were to cloth themselves with the products of the "new nature".
- B. "...which is renewed in knowledge..."
1. "Renewed" = ανα νεομαι = "to make new again", Here it does not mean new in origin but new in contrast to what once existed. This action is also being done by another.
 2. "Knowledge" = επιγνωσις = "through knowledge", "perfect knowledge".
 3. The new man is to become the dominant man by the process of getting through knowledge.
- C. "...after the image of him that created him;"
1. "After" = "according to".
 2. "Image" = εικων = "to be like", "resemble".
 3. "Created" = κτιζω = "to bring under tillage and settlement", "to found", "to set up".
 4. The addition of divine knowledge will cause us to become more like Jesus Christ, who by the new birth, put us under tillage to produce fruit for God!
- D. Vs. 12 Everyone that is born of God, (in Christ) has

the new nature of Christ and the new produce is in the image or likeness of Christ without cultural adulteration.

1. "where there is neither Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision"
2. "Greek" = Ἕλληγ = Greeks (gentiles) This "new man" would not produce the fruit of gentiles or that which would be Jewish.
3. "Barbarian or Scythian,"
4. Barbarians spoke no articulate language. They were stammering and communicating poorly.
5. "Scythians were inhabitants of Russia and were considered to be the worst of the Barbarians.
6. "Bond nor free"
 - a. "Bond" = συνδεσμος = "that which is bound together", "a bundle".
 - b. "Free" = ελευθερος = "one who can go where he wills", "at liberty to go".

E. "...but Christ is all, and in all."

1. "Christ is all things and He is (by their new nature) in all (of these)"
2. Christ is the new man and when any one who has Christ produces fruit after the new man, it will be Christ-like-fruit.

III. How The New Man Will Look.

A. Vs. 12-25, 4:1-6