'PUT ON THE NEW MAN" Colossians 3:10-17

Introduction:

The New Man – The new self is a new creature (2 Cor 5:17), walks differently from the world (Eph 4:17), and in divine love (Eph 5:1), in the light of God's truth (Eph 5:8) and in wisdom (Eph 5:15), pursuing righteousness.

I. The Command to Put on the New Man (vv. 12b, 14)

"Put On" – to clothe yourselves, to change from old to new, from unclean to clean garments:

- **A.** The old clothes represent the old man the old life. The new clothes represent the new man the new life that "is hid with Christ in God" (v. 3).
- **B.** The new man is being "renewed in true knowledge after the image of Him that created him" (v. 10)

II. The Motives for Putting on the New Man (v. 12a)

- A. Believers are the "Elect of God."
- B. Believers have been elected to be "Holy."
- C. Believers have been elected to be the **Beloved** of God.

III. The Manner in Putting on the New Man (vv. 12b, 13-14)

- A. "Bowels of Mercies" compassion, pity, tenderheartedness, sympathy
- **B.** "Kindness" goodness, generosity, the unselfish spirit of doing for others. An attitude that demonstrates itself in action.
- **C.** "Humbleness of Mind" (Humility) lowliness, the willingness to be humbles and to esteem others better than oneself. The absence of pride, lacking arrogance.
- **D.** "Meekness" gentleness, it is not weakness. Willing to suffer injury instead of inflicting it. Willingness to be criticized rather than criticizing others.
- **E.** "Longsuffering" patience, which is the opposite of resentment and revenge.
- **F.** "Forbearing one another" (Bearing with one another) It is putting up with another person.
- **G.** "Forgiving one another" to pardon, giving up the right to hurt someone who hurt you.
- **H.** "Love" it is called the "bond of perfection, it is unity.

IV. The Heart in Putting on the New Man (vv. 15-17)

- A. The Believer's heart is to be ruled by God's Peace (v. 15)
- **B.** The Believer's heart is to be rich in the Word of God (v. 16)
- C. The Believer is to have a heart that does all in the name of Jesus (v. 17)

Conclusion:

- **A.** Believers should so clothe themselves with Jesus that when people look at them, they see Jesus.
- **B.** Lord, may I live that all may see, the love of God revealed in me, and help me flee from all sin and shame, lest others scoff at Your Dear Name.
 - o Can people see that Christ is in you before you tell them?
- C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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