

"Putting On The New Person" Colossians 3:5-11

Unlike the false teachers notions of adjusting your menu and calendar to aid your sanctification, Paul suggests something far more radical. You need a 180 degree turn that has you killing off sin and dumping bad behaviors like you'd dump dirty laundry.

1. **Believers must be ever rejecting our old self's sin patterns (3:5-9).**

Two laundry lists of sins with five each. Such lists are common--I Cor. 6:9-11, Gal. 5:19-23, Rom. 1:29-32, Eph. 5:3-5, I Pt. 4:3. What should be noted about such lists?

**Put these things to death--immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed (idea of body being dead to sin recalls Rom. 6:11-19, 7:23)*

First five overall seem more. . .

**Putting these things aside—anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech (putting on / off as clothing--Rom. 13:14, Eph. 4:22, I Pt. 2:1). Behavior as a garment in OT: Job 29:14, Ps. 109:29, Isa. 11:5, 59:17*

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***Final thing to avoid. . . lying (Eph 4:25)**

***Why must we reject such things? judgment (6), old self gone (9)**

2. **Believers must be ever renewing our new self's image (3:10,11).**

Once in Christ the "old self" has been put off like crummy clothes and the "new self" has been put on (Eph. 4:23,24 tenses are best translated in past and not commands as in most translations).

***Be the new person you are made to be! This new person we are (2 Cor. 5:17) is daily being renewed (2 Cor. 4:16, Rom. 12:2,) as we persistently put off the old self's patterns and put on the new self's.**

***We are renewing into the image of the creator (Gen. 1:37, Rom. 8:29 I Cor. 15:49, Phil. 3:21). Christ died to create a truly classless society of new people that look like Him.**