

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:11-14

OUR PRACTICE FOR USEFULNESS—“PUTTING ON” (Pt. 2)

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet [*useful*] for the **Master's** use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

† The Practice of a USEFUL Vessel—what to PUT ON (Colossians 3:9b-25)

† Our POSITION “IN CHRIST” (v. 9b-10a)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in **Christ**, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

† Our PROGRESSION to be “AS CHRIST” (v. 10b)

Notice that the “*new man is renewed in knowledge.*”

I. The Christian's _____—“*Elect of God, holy and* _____” (v. 11-12a)

Cf. Philippians 2:1-2

II. The Christian's _____—to _____
CHRIST (v. 12b-14)

The challenge for us today is—LOOK _____ LIKE CHRIST!

A. Put on _____ (v. 12)

IMITATE CHRIST: Matthew 9:36

PRACTICALLY: Romans 12:15

WARNING: **1 John 3:17** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of **God** in him?

B. Put on _____ (v. 12)

Consider Christ: Titus 3:4-5; Ephesians 2:7

PRACTICALLY: Romans 12:10

C. Put on _____ (v. 12)

“*humbleness of mind*” – a deep sense of one's own littleness. How we view ourselves and others based upon our view of God.

Cf. Philippians 2:3-4; Romans 12:3 & 16

IMITATE CHRIST: Philippians 2:5-8

Christ's command: John 13:14-15

D. Put on _____ (v. 12)

“*meekness*” – _____ under control;

1 Peter 5:5 ... and be clothed with humility: for **God** resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

IMITATE CHRIST: Matthew 11:28-29

PRACTICALLY: Galatians 6:1

E. Put on _____ (v. 12)

IMITATE CHRIST: 1 Timothy 1:16

F. Put on _____ (v. 13)

IMITATE CHRIST: 1 Peter 2:23

G. Put on _____ (v. 13)

CONSIDER CHRIST: Colossians 1:14

IMITATE CHRIST: Ephesians 4:32

H. Put on _____ (v. 14)

Consider **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**; Christ's love: **Romans 8:35-39**;

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

IMITATE CHRIST: Romans 5:8 (His sacrificial love)

Q: What do your spiritual clothes look like? Are they the clothes of grace or are they the clothes of the grave?

What is my next step? “*Put off sin,*” “*renew your mind,*” and “*put on Christ-likeness.*” (Questions on next page)

What Is My Next Step?

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Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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Sermon Notes

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