

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:9b-10

OUR PRACTICE FOR USEFULNESS—"PUTTING ON" (Pt. 1)

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-11)**

I. Our _____ "_____ CHRIST" (v. 9b-10a)

A. The _____ man is put _____ (v. 9b)

The "*old man*" is our old _____ nature.

Consider the characteristics of the "*old man*" as describe in v. 5 & 8-9a.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not [*don't you know*], that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 7:25 I thank **God** through **Jesus Christ** our **Lord**. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of **God**; but with the flesh the law of sin.

B. The _____ man is put _____ (v. 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.

II. Our _____ to be "_____ CHRIST" (v. 10b)

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of **God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **He** shall appear, we shall be like **Him**; for we shall see **Him** as **He** is.

Notice that the "*new man* [...] *is renewed in knowledge*."

The word "*renewed*" carries the idea to _____.

A. Put off _____ (Ephesians 4:22)

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Repentance is the process of "*putting off*" whatever God says is _____.



We MUST learn to see our own sin as God sees it.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all [*put off*] filthiness [*impurities*] and superfluity [*exceeding measure*] of naughtiness [*wickedness*],...

"*Putting off*" sin is _____—it is having a change of mind as to the wickedness of our sin that leads to taking responsibility for my sin, confessing to God that I have broken His law.

B. _____ your mind (Ephesians 4:23)

With the aid of the Holy Spirit we are able to have a change of _____ toward sin.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:...

KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE! – (Romans 6:11)

Cf. Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the **Lord**, are changed [*metamorphosis*] into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

This "*open face*" is the indwelling Spirit's ministry of illumination.

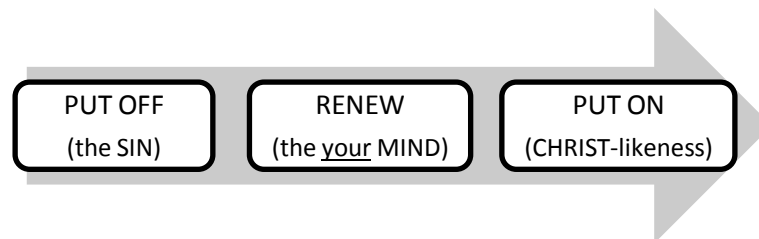
James 1:21 ...and receive [*deliberately*] with meekness [*humility/ teachable spirit*] the engrafted [*rooted or implanted*] Word, which is able to save your souls.

C. Put on _____ (Ephesians 4:24)

"*Putting on*" Christlikeness is an _____ action—it is a choice that we make.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are **His** workmanship [*masterpiece*], created in **Christ Jesus** unto good works, which **God** hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Philippians 2:12-13; Ephesians 5:2-8; 6:11; Romans 13:14; Colossians 3:12-14)



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?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date:_____ Text:_____ Speaker:_____

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.*)

OUR MISSION: Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others—
ALL to the Glory of GOD

Sermon Notes

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date:_____ Text:_____ Speaker:_____

OUR MISSION: Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others—
ALL to the Glory of GOD