



Sunday, August 18, 2019

**MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:**

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

I. The **WEALTH** of the Believer (1:1-3:21)

II. The **WALK** of the Believer (4:1-6:9)

- A. Walk **WORTHY** (4:1)
- B. Walk in **UNITY** (4:2-6)
- C. Walk in **DIVERSITY** (4:7-10)
- D. Walk in **MATURITY** (4:11-16)
- E. Walk in **PURITY** (4:17-24)

Paul uses the illustration of the **CHANGING OF CLOTHING** to describe the visible change that is to be seen in the believer's life. He is to have a new kind of wardrobe.

**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.

When we *“put on”* Christ, in salvation, we receive a **NEW SPIRITUAL IDENTITY** and with new responsibilities. We must live in light of our new identity.

1. The **CONDITION** of the **OLD Man** (4:17-19)

Paul tells us that the **CONDITION OF THE OLD MAN IS ROOTED IN HIS THINKING**. His thinking defines his living.

## 2. The CHANGE of the NEW Man (4:20-24)

The DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTLIKENESS contains both NEGATIVE and POSITIVE actions. Similar to a renovation process, a builder needs to demolish the old before he can construct the new. In the Christian life there is the demolition process of “*putting off*” that which dishonors God. SIN has to be dealt with through REPENTING and RESTRAINING.

### a. DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS through REPENTANCE from SIN (4:22a)

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Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins [*refusal to admit guilt*] shall not prosper [*spiritual success / the peace of God*]; but whoso confesseth [*acknowledge my sin*] and forsaketh [*turn from my sin*] *them* shall have mercy.

## THE WAY OF REPENTANCE



### b. DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS through RESTRAINING our FLESH (4:22b)

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“...which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;” (Eph 4:22) – The “*lusts*” are deceptive, as they seduce us into seeing the pleasure of sin. Giving into these “*deceitful lusts*” causes decay in our lives.

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James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

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Romans 8:13 For if ye live [*habitually*] after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do [*habitually*] mortify [*put to death*] the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

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Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection [*vile passions*], evil concupiscence [*injuriously intentions / desire*], and covetousness, which is idolatry:

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**Romans 6:12-14** Let not sin therefore [*continue to*] reign [*rule as king*] in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts [*a deep longing*] thereof. **13** Neither yield ye your [*physical*] members *as* instruments [*weapons*] of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto **God**, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto **God**. **14** For sin shall not have dominion [*rule as a master*] over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

WHAT RULES MY HEART?

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**1 Peter 2:11** Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

What activities must I “abstain” from because they are feeding my flesh?

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**Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; **God** is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the **Spirit** shall of the **Spirit** reap life everlasting.

THE SOWING AND REAPING PRINCIPLE: What should I expect to reap because of what I am sowing?

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In order to effectively RESTRAIN our flesh we must learn to diligently RENEW our minds with the truths of God’s Word (see James 1:21-25).



Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN PURITY. Our new life in Christ is to be marked by change. It is a PURPOSEFUL PROCESS which includes the DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTLIKENESS which is characterized by a life of REPENTANCE from sin, RESTRAINING our flesh, and RENEWING the mind with the Word.

**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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## 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 SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
  - 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 your mind***)
  - 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 your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
  - 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: Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!