

Colossians 3: 8-11

**Living in Harmony with our glorious
Position-Union in Christ**

Part A: The Negative (8-11)

Part B: The Positive (12-17): upcoming





*This is the
day which
the LORD
hath made;
we will
rejoice and
be glad in it.*

Ps 118:24

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END: DOCTRINAL SECTION / BEGIN: APPLICATION SECTION:

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I. FIGURES OF SPEECH REGARDING CLOTHES:

A. Put them all aside: *apotithēmi*: **PUT OFF; LAY ASIDE; LAY DOWN; CAST ASIDE; PUT AWAY**

A figure of speech for casting off garments

SAME WORD: *apotithemi* in Acts 7:58 they ***“laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul...”***

B. OTHER TEXTS COMPARING DEEDS TO CLOTHES:

1Pe 5:5: You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, ***clothe yourselves with humility toward one another***, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

Rev 3:18 advise you (***Laodiceans!!!***) to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments ***so that you may clothe yourself***, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

Rev 19:8

It was given to her ***to clothe herself in fine linen***, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

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II. WHAT IS TO BE PUT ASIDE/ CAST OFF LIKE A GARMENT:

A. 1. Anger, orge

2. Wrath, thymós: passionate angry heat, boiling up

3. Malice: kakia (evil): doing evil against someone in a vicious, vindictive manner, ill will towards one.

H.A. Ironside: 3 generations of sin: Anger cherished and nursed begets Wrath, if not judged begets malice. No matter how grievously you are wronged, do not yield to the devil or malign or seek harm to the one who caused the anger in the first place, even if it begins with a righteous anger.

4. Slander: blasphemía . Better: blasphemies (TO: Man or God) injurious speech meant to damage one's reputation; character assassination, gossip

5. Abusive speech: foul, low speech

B. Since all these are the character and qualities of the Old Man, they are likened to old, dirty clothes, or habits (habit: an older english word for clothing) & are **NOT FIT TO ADORN A NEW MAN**

Col. 3:9: *Do not lie to one another since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices.*

I. LIE: pseudomai: has the middle voice.

A. Why the middle voice?

B. Is the lie the most elemental, basic foundation of all sins, is it the oldest?

(1) Ps. 58:3: *The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.*

C. What is the restrictive clause in this verse? Why is the restrictive important? Example in the body... [*Eph. 4:25- Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.*]

II. Question I have: MORTIFY therefore...(of 3:5) v. PUT ASIDE (of 3:8 & 3:9)

A. Why the difference in figure of speech in the commands?

Col. 3:10: *(since you have laid aside the old self) and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—*



I. TIME AGAIN TO RE-VISIT CHARLIE BROWN:

A. MAN IS: **BODY – SOUL – SPIRIT**

B. Through which “organ” do we relate to God & things of God?

C. Through which “organs” do we relate to the cosmos?

D. In the illustration: ‘Walk’ is the operative verb from Gal. 5:16 *‘walk in the spirit and you shall not carry out the lusts of the flesh’* and other like passages

E. Can Colossian’s ‘laid aside’ the Old Self and ‘put on’ the New Self be applied to this illustration?

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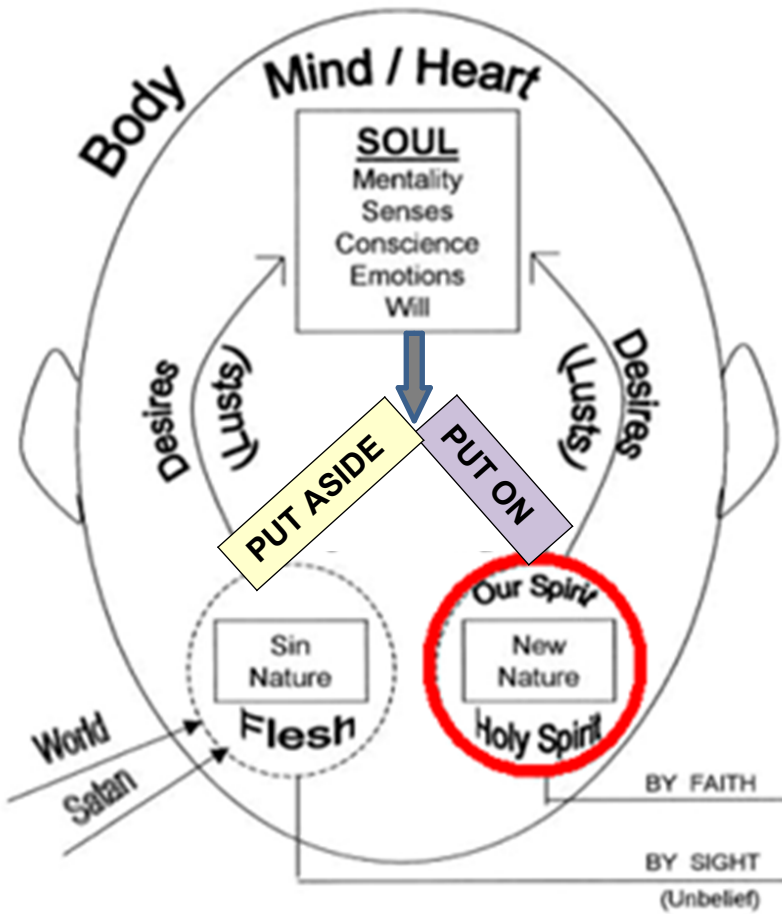
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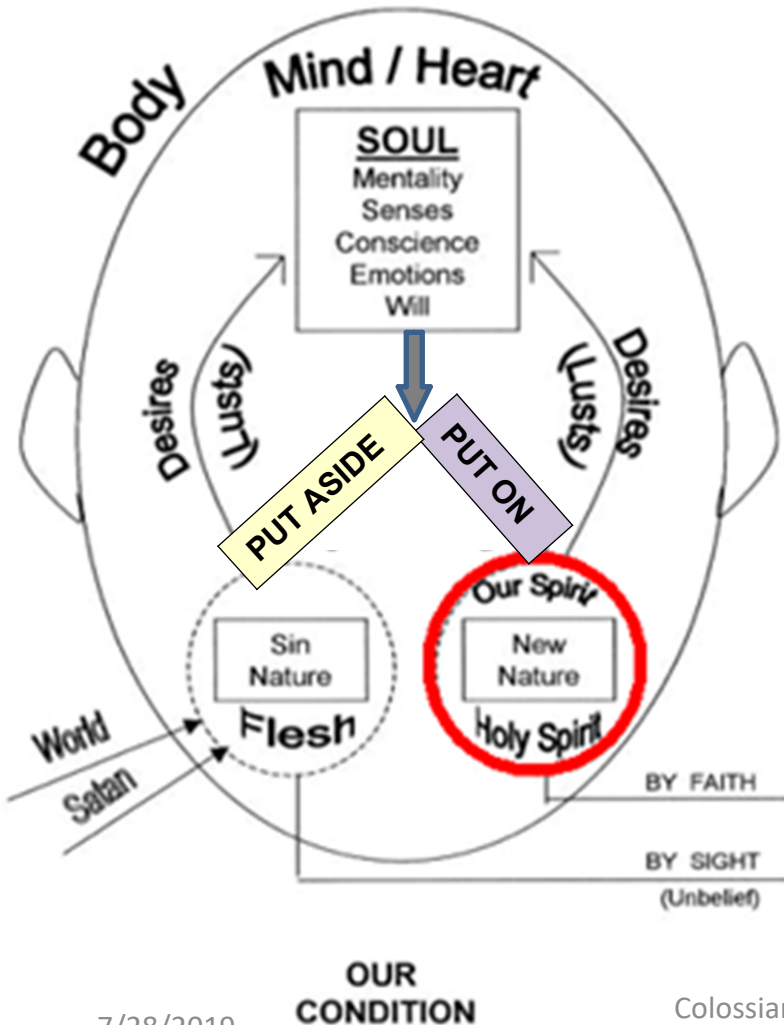
A. BODY: **sōma-** living body of both men & animals

B. SOUL: **psychē-** the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.)

C. SPIRIT: **pneuma-** the vital principle/(organ) by which God's Life is animated; (only spirit can worship spirit) the seat of the New Man; the Holy Spirit's dwelling place in the heart of a born-again one.



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II. MAN IS ALSO: the Old Man and New Man

NOTE: only after the Fall (not in the original created order of Body-Soul-Spirit)

A. OLD MAN:

What you were apart from God's grace in Christ; or everything your *WERE* in your association with the First Man, Adam, as head of the race [MERRYMAN]

B. NEW MAN: (CONDITIONAL: ONLY BORN-AGAIN ONES)

All that we potentially are **IN CHRIST** in grace, by the Operation of God through spiritual baptism into Christ. Your new association with the Last Adam = Christ [MERRYMAN]

(1) Only the new man is capable of receiving divine instruction, the new divinely-imparted nature of a man (who is in Christ) [H.A. IRONSIDE]

(2) The New Man is created

(3) New Man: referred to both the **Neos** Man and **Kainos** Man

(3) How do we renew the New Man?

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I . The Renewal of the New Man

A. A Problem: the text states the New Man is being renewed unto/into/towards/for/among [**eis**] a true knowledge?

(1) Is the GOAL: of the renewal to get to a more true(r) knowledge?

(2) eis: can be translated: “at”

Matt. 12:41: *“they repented at the preaching of Jonah...”*

(3) The N.I.V. translates it: *“and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”*

_____ [MERRYMAN]

Contrast to: WUEST: ‘constantly renewed with respect to a complete and perfect knowledge’

LIGHTFOOT: ‘which is ever being renewed unto perfect knowledge’

B. The Solution: **eis** can in limited cases be: “because of” (true knowledge)

C. Renew: to be changed to a new kind of life = **anakainóō**

(1) is a continual, durative action and it is also PASSIVE

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II . 'BECAUSE' OF a TRUE KNOWLEDGE: What is the true knowledge?

A. True knowledge = true **epignosis**

(1) epignosis: an intensified form of knowledge, intensified because: you personalize it

(2) true: because it only relates to the THINGS of God in scripture

B. How do you get epignosis?

(1) DOCTRINE: the systematic, ordered teaching of the Word of God

a. Paul's letters to Timothy: have the added modifier: 'sound' to it

III. Renewed again and again **ACCORDING TO** the image of the One....

A. According to = **kata-** kata is a word that expects a NORM or a STANDARD to follow it. Therefore: the standard measurement of the renewing of the New Man is the image of Jesus Christ

7/28/2015 B. TWO verses should come to your mind after studying Col. 3:10 (?)

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IV. Being renewed because of a true epignosis to the standard and quality of Jesus Christ [my paraphrase]

(1.) II Cor. 3:18, and

(2.) Eph. 4:23-24: *“... that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth...”*

V. CONCLUSION: OF 3:10

A. Merryman’s summary of 3:10: The New Man **needs** continual and durative renewing by the means of true epignosis (restrictive: only by the means of it), and the goal is the very image of Christ. Epignosis comes by way of sound doctrine, which God provides for the growth of the New Man

B. Sound doctrine is the protein, the building blocks of the growth of the New Man, the New Man takes in doctrine, the Holy Spirit synthesizes these “proteins” into muscular growth for the New Man. He is then able to flex, and act in accordance with the spiritual stature and after the model of Christ Himself, as the believer ever expands in being a Bearer of Christ’s image.

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I. CLASSIFICATIONS OF 3:11

- (1) Greek vs. Jew: the whole world at the time was classified by membership into the cultured civilization of Greece. This is a **NATIONAL** classification
- (2) Circumcised vs. Uncircumcized: This is the Jew vs. the rest of the world but classified as to **RELIGION**. The Jews had the oracles of God. This is also a **RACIAL** distinction
- (3) Barbarians & Sythians: are those who are Greeks, they speak foreign languages. If they don't speak Greek, they are uncivilized. Usually from the coasts. Sea-faring. Goths, Nords, etc. Sythians were the worst. This is a **CULTURAL** distinction.
- (4) Slave vs. Freeman: an **ECONOMIC** distinction

Compare to: Eph. 3:28's ***“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”***

II. Is there a difference between our Col. 3:11 and Eph. 3:28?

A. In our New Man, Christ ***(in whom we have co-died, are co-buried and co-risen with, we have our only recognized identity by God [nothing of religion matters]; we are complete, and are double hidden [in Christ; in God]*** all distinctions 1-4 above are **NULL & VOID**