

Sunday, March 12, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Steps to Putting on the New Self

Series: Growing in Our Walk,
a Journey Through Colossians...7

Text: Colossians 3:1 - 4:1

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the practical steps to PUTTING on the NEW SELF!

Introduction:

Review of last week's devotional - Raised with Christ, Therefore ...

- ~ 1. Seek
- ~ 2. Set
- ~ 3. Slay

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come."

~ Philippians 2:12 & 13, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

1. Acknowledge My Need:

~ Romans 5:9, 10 & 12, "Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (12) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—"

~ Ephesians 2:1 - 3, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins, (2) in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— (3) among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

~ John 3:3, "Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

2. Adjust My Focus:

~ Colossians 3:1 & 2, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

~ Colossians 3:5, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you, sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

3. Agree with God:

~ Colossians 3:5 & 6, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you, sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (6) On account of these the wrath of God is coming."

~ Colossians 3:8 & 9, "But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. (9) Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices."

~ Repentance is agreeing with God and turning to Him from our actions!

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come."

Notice the tenses, as a believer you have an inner capacity "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 and compare with John 1:12

4. Attire Myself with God's Gift:

~ attire (verb be attired), be dressed in cloths of a specified kind

~ Philippians 2:12 & 13

~ Colossians 3:12 -14, take special note of the things we are to "put on..."

~ Colossians 3:15 - 16, take note of the instruction to "let..."

~ Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

5. Apply in Daily Life:

~ vs. 18, counsel to wives

~ vs. 19, counsel to husbands

~ vs. 20, counsel to children

~ vs. 21, counsel to fathers

~ vs. 22, counsel to workers

~ vs. 23 & 24, counsel to all

~ vs. 25, counsel to all

~ 4:1, counsel to masters, bosses, supervisors, etc.

Conclusion:

Hymn Just a Closer Walk with Thee