



CHRIST IN ME:
STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF
COLOSSIANS

COL 3:10-13



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Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.



INTRODUCTION

Putting on the Life of Christ is the manifestation of our “new nature”. The concept of the “new nature” in Christ is central to the Christian faith and transformative to the believer’s life. In Colossians 3:10-13, the apostle Paul exhorts believers to “put on” their new nature, which is part of the ongoing process of our theme during this series “Christ in Me”. When a person accepts Christ by faith, they are spiritually reborn, leaving behind the old sinful nature and being empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life that reflects the character of Christ.



THE OLD NATURE VS. THE NEW NATURE

The Old Nature (also referred to as the Adamic nature or sinful nature):

- This is the natural state of a person before coming to Christ.
 - It is controlled by sin, which manifests through deceitfulness, pride, and self-centeredness. **Rom 6:6, Eph 4:22, Mark 7:21-23.**
 - The old nature is preoccupied with temporary, worldly pleasures and pursuits, often leading to idolatry. **Phil 3:19**
 - The nature is separated from God. **Isaiah 59:2**



THE OLD NATURE VS. THE NEW NATURE (CONT.)

- The **New Nature** is the result of the believer's rebirth in Christ. **2 Corin 5:17, 1 John 1:9**
 - Through the new nature, believers are restored to fellowship with God, and they begin to walk in the freedom from sin that Christ's work provides. **2 Corin 5:18-20.**



THE OLD NATURE VS. THE NEW NATURE (CONT.)

- The renewal of the mind is a critical part of the transformative process that occurs in the New Nature. **Eph 4:22-24, Rom 12:2.**
 - The old nature is conformed to worldly patterns of thinking and living, whereas the new nature enables us to understand spiritual truths and live according to God's will.
 - The renewal of the mind requires a daily commitment to growing in knowledge of God's Word and yielding to the work of the Holy Spirit; it's a continual process. **2 Cor. 4:16**.....we are being renewed day by day. **Luke 9:23** "*If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me*"



QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Qualified by Mercy: It is God withholding from us what we truly deserve—judgment and condemnation—and offering us forgiveness and grace. **1 Peter 2:10, Eph2:4-5**



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Qualified by Grace:

Grace is the unmerited favor of God that enables believers to live Godly life. It is not something we deserve, but it is freely given by God.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** – *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”*
- Grace is not only about salvation; it’s the power that enables us to live as new creations in Christ.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LIFE OF CHRIST (CONT.)

Access by faith:

Faith is how we access God's grace and receive the blessings of salvation. It is trust and reliance on God's promises through Jesus Christ. **John 3:16**

*In Christ, race, gender, social or economic status are irrelevant when it comes to salvation. All are one in Christ Jesus, and everyone who believes is equally loved and accepted by God.
Gal 3:28



ATTRIBUTES OF THE NEW MAN

1. **Tenderhearted Mercy:** The new nature is characterized by tenderhearted mercy, which is showing compassion and forgiveness to others, especially when they don't deserve it. **Luke 6:36, Eph. 4:32.**

2. **Kindness:** Kindness is a fundamental expression of love. It is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate toward others. **Gal 5:22**

3. **Humility:** Humility involves freedom from pride or arrogance and a willingness to serve others. It is the recognition that everything we have is from God and that we are called to serve others selflessly. **Philip 2:3-4**



ATTRIBUTES OF THE NEW MAN (CONT.)

4. **Gentleness:** Gentleness is a calm, considerate spirit that refrains from harshness or aggression. It is strength under control and is especially important in our interactions with others. **Philipp 4:5**

5. **Patience:** Patience is the ability to endure difficult circumstances or people without becoming frustrated or angry. It reflects the long-suffering nature of Christ, who bore our sins patiently. **Rom 12:12, James 5:8**

6. **Making Allowance for Each Other's Faults:** The new nature enables us to extend grace to others. Making allowances means being willing to forgive and overlook offenses, striving for peace and unity.



ATTRIBUTES OF THE NEW MAN (CONT.)

7. **Forgiveness:** Forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian life. As God has forgiven us, we are called to forgive others, no matter how difficult it may be. **Eph 4:32**



CONCLUSION

The new nature in Christ is a radical transformation that affects every aspect of the believer's life. It is a process of becoming more like Christ in our thoughts, actions, and relationships. By putting on the virtues outlined in Colossians 3:10-13 we reflect the life of Christ to a watching world. As we continue to renew our minds and embrace our new identity in Christ, we grow more fully into the people God created us to be.

