

# Colossians 3:1-17

## Our New Journey

1. An amazing Truth... These words were written to the church!
2. A different perspective

In the fall, human beings lost what made them in the image of God... “spiritual creatures” alive to God. Human beings became something less... animated creatures with animal instincts and urges, yet with some residual or memories of what we were created to be... not quite what God created but not quite animals either. This residual is constantly at war with the animal nature, but it has no power to overcome it. When a person comes to Christ, He experiences a “new birth” and the image of God is planted once again in the man by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We now have a new life, a new direction (orientation) and the power and the reason to become more than the animal nature. This is God’s gift to us and our new life’s orientation.

3. Our New Life is a Journey Toward God and away from...
  1. Psalm 121:8
  2. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in
4. Put off the old / Out with the old! – Vs 5-9
  1. the sinful, earthly things lurking within you
  2. sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires
  3. greed, for that is idolatry
  4. anger, rage, malicious behavior
  5. slander, and dirty language
  6. lying to each other
5. Put on the new / In with the new! – Vs 10-17
  1. tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience
  2. make allowance for each other's faults
  3. forgive the person who offends you... you must forgive others.
  4. the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love
  5. let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts
  6. always be thankful
  7. Let the words of Christ... live in your hearts and make you wise

8. Use his words to teach and counsel each other
9. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts
10. And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, all the while giving thanks through him to God the Father

#### 6. In Other Words

In place of the old you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.

#### 7. What Really Matters

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.

#### 8. We are and yet we are Becoming

1. Raised to new life with Christ
2. Your real life is hidden with Christ in God
3. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then we will also be revealed with him in glory