

PUTTING ON THE NEW

Note: This teaching complements the teaching from the first session of International Council in Houston, Texas in 2011 where Graham Cooke taught on *Establishing a Kingdom Culture*.

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Accepting Jesus into your life is the single greatest decision an individual can make. When you accept Jesus into your life, you are accepting the fullness of all He did through His death, burial, and resurrection. He died as you. He died in your place. He paid a debt that you could not pay on your own. The shedding of His blood was as though it was your blood being shed. God accepted that shed blood and applied it to your account and all your sins were deleted as though you had never committed them. That is good news!

But it does not stop there. When Jesus took every sickness and sin upon Himself for all mankind, stripes were laid upon His back that took away the authority for sickness and sin to have the right to invade our lives. What Jesus did gives us the right to boldly approach God's throne. We do not depend up the sacrifice of bulls or goats. Jesus paid mankind's debt once and for all.

Romans 6:8-10 *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*

Look at Isaiah 53. He bore our grief. He carried our sorrow. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. Every place we broke the law or went beyond limits that were put in place by God, Jesus took those things upon Himself. Every wicked deed, every sinful act, He carried.

The end of verse 12 says, "Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many..." Jesus willingly took all the places where we had fallen short of the glory of God and He redeemed those places, giving each of us the ability to start our life from a new place.

SAY OUT LOUD: When I asked Jesus into my life, my life started over. Not as an old me with old, bad habits and old, empty ways of thinking. My new life is hidden in Christ with God. I am a whole new breed of people never before seen on earth. Today, I make the choice to bury that old person that I was – that person that died with Christ. That old me is dead. Jesus took all my sins, all my sorrows, all my inability to bring Heaven to earth away from me and He moved to live inside of me. He set up His home with God and the Holy Spirit. And now, with the three of Them continually speaking to me and directing

me, I live my life from a whole new place and Heaven has an avenue to come to earth through my life. I am a carrier of His Presence everywhere I go bringing goodness, peace, righteousness, and joy.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Stanley Translation): *If anyone has entered into fellowship with Christ, a new world has at once opened upon him, an old world has passed away.*

Colossians 2:9,10 *For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

In his book, *Taking Your Place in Christ*, Mark Hankins said, "In Christ, not only do we have right standing with God, it is the identical standing with the Father that Jesus has!" This goes hand in hand with what Graham has taught us – *we walk in the same favor with God that Jesus walks in!*

In his book, *A Man in Christ*, James Stewart said, "This life which flows from God into man is something totally different from anything experienced on the natural plane. It is different not only in degree, but also in kind. It is supernatural life. It makes man a new creation. It is not the intensification of powers already possessed, but the sudden emergence of an entirely new and original element. When a man comes to be in Christ, he begins to live in the post-resurrection life of Christ. The life he now lives bears the quality of eternity."

A man, woman, or child who is in Christ is not just of this world. Each has total access to Heaven! However, we do have a part to play. We must put on the new man to experience or walk in the fullness of what it means to have Christ living within you and for you to be in Christ. Before putting on the new man, let us put off, once and for all, the old man.

PUT OFF

Romans 7:6 *But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Romans 13:12 *...therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness...*

Colossians 3:9-10 *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.*

Ephesians 4:22 *That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts.*

Colossians 2:11 *...putting off the body of the sins of the flesh...*

Colossians 3:8,9 *But now, you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.*

Romans 6:5-7 *For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.*

SAY OUT LOUD: My old self, my old man was crucified with Jesus. Sin no longer has any hold over me. Sin in my family line has no place in me because when I was born again, I was born into a new family. There is no sickness or sin in that family. There is no lack or limits. All my permissions are yes until God tells me no. I put off everything about my old man. I cast off works of darkness. I take off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy language. Lying has no place in me. Lying belonged to my old man. Lust has no place in me. My old man died with Christ and was buried with Christ. When I was raised up with Christ, I came up born again and brand new!

In John 3 Jesus spoke about a person being 'born again'. Nicodemus did not have the understanding of Jesus' words and he asked, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (John 3:4)

In John 1:12-13 the Word in talking about Jesus, says, *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* Because God loved us so much, He made a way that we could start over in life. Through His Son's death, burial, and resurrection, we can have a whole new start in the earth as a person born of God through a 2nd birth. We get a chance to live our life again from a new place, as a new person, born of God's Spirit, with all of Heaven to back us up.

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PUT ON

Romans 13:12 *...let us put on the armor of light...*

Romans 13:14 *Put on the Lord Jesus Christ...*

Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the whole armor of God...*

Colossians 3:10 *...put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.*

PUT ON THE CHARACTER OF THE NEW MAN

Colossians 3

As the elect of God, holy and beloved:

3:12-13 **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another.

But above all these things,

3:14 **put on** love, which is the bond of perfection

3:15 and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

SAY OUT LOUD: I have died and my life is buried with God. My old man has passed away. All that he was is gone. I am a new person, a new creation. I am a brand new man. I have a new way of living. In my new way of living, I choose to put on tenderness. I walk in mercy towards all I meet. I wear kindness like a perfume or aftershave. I display meekness. I am slow to anger and am longsuffering with my family, church, and all others around me. When needed I am quick to forgive because this is the nature of my new persona in God. Love is my portion and I choose to allow the peace of God to be the umpire or referee in places where peace is needed. When I interact with others, my replies will flow from peace, kindness, love and the desire to bring people to see themselves like God sees them. My new man reflects God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in all I do.

CREATING PERSONAL DECLARATIONS

Note: You will need pen or pencil and paper for each person. Make enough copies for each person. Play a CD of peaceful instrumental music softly and dim the lights if possible to allow people to focus on God and hear the Spirit. Set the stage for what you want them to do with the next introductory paragraph.

God sees you in Christ, but you must also see yourself in Him. As you begin to see yourself like God sees you, you will find yourself walking in a greater measure of fullness and freedom, authority and dominion. Take the following list of scriptures and spend time reading them silently. As you go through them a second time, take a pen and circle words that are speaking of your new identity. Now, read them aloud, underlining why you can walk in your new identity. Next, take pen and paper and begin to form your own declarations about your identity, seeing yourself as God sees you. Allow the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see – *really* see you as God sees you.

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.*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Ephesians 4:23, 24 *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that you put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Ephesians 2:10 *We are His workmanship created in Christ.*

Colossians 1:13 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and delivered us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.*

Colossians 3:2-3 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who love, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

2 Corinthians 2:14 *Now thanks be to God, which always causes me to triumph in Christ...*

Romans 8:37 *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

There are at least 130 scriptures that tell you the good news of the new life that is available to you as a new creation in Christ. Spend time in the writings of Paul and receive further revelation of your identity.