

1 ¶ So if **you** have been raised with Christ, **(you)** seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 **(You)** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
3 for **you** have died, and **your** life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is **your** life is revealed, then **you** also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 ¶ **(You)** Put to death, therefore, whatever in **you** is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

7 These are the ways **you** also once followed, when **you** were living that life.

8 ¶ But now **you** must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from **your** mouth.

9 **(You)** Do not lie to one another, seeing that **you** have stripped off the old self with its practices

10 and have clothed **yourselves** with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

12 ¶ As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **(you)** clothe **yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13 **(You)** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, **(you)** forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven **you**, so **you** also must forgive.

14 Above all, **(you)** clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And **(you)** let the peace of Christ rule in **your** hearts, to which indeed **you** were called in the one body. And **(you)** be thankful.

16 **(You)** Let the word of Christ dwell in **you** richly; **(you)** teach and **(you)** admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in **your** hearts **(you)** sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

17 And whatever **you** do, in word or deed, **(you)** do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **(you)** giving thanks to God the Father through him.

18 ¶ Wives, **(you)** be subject to **your** husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, **(you)** love **your** wives and **(you)** never treat them harshly.

20 Children, **(you)** obey **your** parents in everything, for this is **your** acceptable duty in the Lord.

21 Fathers, **(you)** do not provoke **your** children, or they may lose heart.

22 Slaves, **(you)** obey **your** earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, **(you)** fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever **your** task, **(you)** put **yourselves** into it, as done for the Lord and not for **your** masters,

24 since **you** know that from the Lord **you** will receive the inheritance as **your** reward; **you** serve the Lord Christ.

25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality.

25 verses
21 commandments
“You” mentioned or imperative 40 times
“Your’ or yourselves mentioned 16 times

SO - refers to something in previous chapter

Condition from chapter 2

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations,

23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.

So IF you have been raised with Christ

THEN what?

verses 1-4

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set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

FOR

you have died

verses 5-9a

THEREFORE

put to death whatever in you is earthly:

(Old Self)

fornication
impurity
passion
evil desire
greed (which is idolatry)

(Its Practices or its clothes)

anger
wrath
malice
slander
abusive language from your mouth
lying to one another

Other Old Biblical Clothes

Psalm 73: 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.

Psalm 109: 18 He clothed himself with cursing as his coat,

I Peter 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

I Thessalonians 2: 5 For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness;

verses 9b-11

Change of clothes:

do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped of the old self with its practices and clothes yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

New Self

verses 12-14

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New Clothes

compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

harmony - completeness (mentally or morally):--perfection.

Other Biblical Clothes

Job 29: 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.

Isaiah 61:10 ¶ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

I Peter 5:5 And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Ephesians 4:24 and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Galatians 3: 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Do you have to wear new clothes? Nope, you can keep the old ones or go without.

Re 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Anyway.....

Everything in perfect harmony will bring what?

verse 15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

peace - from word meaning to join - prosperity: peace, quietness, rest, to set at one again.

rule - to arbitrate

means lives that are the following:

verses 16-17

Church Life

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verses 18-21

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verses 22-25

(Business) Life

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Important part easily overlooked:

verses 3-4

your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is **your** life is revealed, then **you** also will be revealed with him in glory.

what is it to be hidden -- wallet -- best promise of all