

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-14

Power to Live a New Way

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to New Life in Christ**

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II Corinthians 5:17 -

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 6:2-4-

How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

II. Four Commands that Demand a Change:

A. Seek the Things Above - 3:1

Divorce me, untie or break that knot again; Take me to You, imprison me, for I, Except You enthrall me, never shall be free, Nor ever chaste, except You ravish me.

~John Donne

II. Four Commands that Demand a Change:

B. Set Your Mind on Things Above

- 3:2-4

Phil. 3:17-19-

“Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.”

Here's the good news: you don't need anything more than you already have. You don't need great wealth or status or cars or "luck" (a truly meaningless word). You are forgiven. You are justified. You are blessed. You are loved. You don't need to have bigger houses or assure yourself of your worth because you know how to play the ponies or beat the system or because some person finally approves of you. Jesus has paid it all, given it all, and loved you immeasurably."

~Elise Fitzpatrick, Found in Him, 197

II. Four Commands that Demand a Change:

C. Put Your Old Way of Life to Death

- 3:5-9

Rom. 6:11 -

“Count yourselves dead to sin”

**D. Put on the New Self Fashioned
After God’s Image - 3:10-14**

What is on the calendar of those who change:

- Daily Scripture reading
- Daily prayer
- Daily or weekly reading of good books
 - chapter/day?
- Daily or weekly journaling
- Weekly sabbath of rest and worship
- Monthly Biblical deep dive - textual or topical
- An accountability partner

What is on the calendar of those who change:

- A support group/small group
- A personal annual retreat
- An annual conference