

Put Off and Put On - Ephesians 4:20-24 - 1/1/23

The Lord's Priority for you in 2023

The Lord has 2 priorities for His people: Regeneration and Sanctification

There are key differences between Regeneration & Sanctification

Regeneration: the new birth

Sanctification: growth in the likeness of Christ

Ephesians 4:20-24 = a key sanctification passage in Scripture

The School of Christ (the way you learned Christ)

Christ: is the school, the teacher, and the curriculum (4:21)

Salvation = being enrolled in a lifelong special education program

Put Off the Old Man ways

Self: Anthropos (man / person)

Old: ancient, worn out, decrepit

Put Off: word picture of taking off old worn out clothing

Old Man Ways = natural / sinful ways fitting who you were before Christ

Examples: sexual immorality, impurity, idolatry, strife, jealousy,
fits of anger, divisions, envy, drunkenness (Galatians 5:19-21)

Put On the New Man ways

New: new in kind or quality, fresh

Put On: word picture of putting on new clothing

New Man Ways = the spiritual / righteous ways of Christ

Examples: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

Mind Renewal

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind (gain new perspective)

Renewed: to make like new / renovation (Present tense)

Romans 12:2 - not conformed but transformed by mind renewal

Conformed to the world: molded to fit the society & culture

Transformed: metamorphosis = change from inside out

Application for us today:

Recognize: that you have been enrolled in the School of Christ

Commit: to putting off the old patterns and habits of the old man

Commit: to putting on new patterns and habits belong to the new man

Be: renewed in 2023 in the spirit of your mind