

A Change of Habit

The Dress Code of the Christian

Colossians 3:1-4 NASB

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Galatians 2:20 NASB

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, 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 up for me.

Colossians 2:11-13 NASB

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Habit

- Customary manner or practice
- A distinctive dress or costume, especially of a religious order

Two Habits

- The Old Man
- The New Man

Colossians 3:9-10 NASB

Do not lie to one another, since **you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,**
10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him--

Typical Reasons to Get Rid of a Garment

- It doesn't fit
- It is out of style
- It is out of season
- It is worn out
- You need room in the closet
- It got stained or damaged
- Your sports team lost, again

Three VERY GOOD Reasons to Get Rid of a Garment

1. You discover it has been worn by someone with active smallpox
2. You discover that it was produced by slave labor
3. You discover that the one who gave it to you to show that you were his is a liar, deceiver and betrayer

Two Habits

- The Old Man - Col. 3:5-9

Colossians 3:5 NASB

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Colossians 3:6-7 NASB

6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

Colossians 3:8-9 NASB

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

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Colossians 3:10-11 NASB

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The Renewal

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1 Corinthians 5:4-6 NKJV

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

2 Timothy 2:16-17 NASB

But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. ...

Jude 1:22-23 NASB

And have mercy on some, who are doubting; 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

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Romans 6:16-18 NASB

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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Revelation 13:11-17 NASB

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ... 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth ... 16 And he causes all ... to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

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- Has an Ideal – ACCORDING TO the image of God
- Has a necessary Environment – WHERE human distinctions are set aside

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Colossians 3:12-14 NASB

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Inspection: What are you Wearing?

- The Old Man

- Immorality
- Impurity
- Passion
- Evil Desire
- Greed/Covetousness
- Anger & Wrath
- Malice
- Slander/blasphemy
- Abusive/filthy speech
- Lying

- The New Man

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience
- Forbearance
- Forgiving
- Love

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