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PUTTING ON THE NEW MAN

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Dear Friends,



It is time for us to put on the New Man of **Col 3:10**. **"...put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."** What are the characteristics of this new man that the apostle Paul is speaking about?

First: He seeks those things that are above, where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (**Col 3:1**). Those things are: *Justice, mercy, faith (Mt 23:23), kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering (Col 3:12), forgiveness (Col 3:13), love (Col 3:14), the peace of God (Col 3:15), the word of Christ (Col 3:16), and thankfulness (Col 3:17).*

Second: He sets his mind on those things that are above, and not on those things that are on the earth (**Col 3:2**). This does not mean that we cannot enjoy legitimate things that are on the earth, such as fellowship with friends and neighbors, sports, the arts and entertainment, and outdoor pursuits such as fishing, hunting, cycling, jogging, camping, etc. The warning is **not to set our minds on them.**

When we received Jesus as our Savior and Lord, God's Word in **Rom 6:6** says that **"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 of sin."** In other words, our old spirit—the person that we really are—was killed at the cross, and our sin-producing factory was destroyed. At the same time we received a new spirit from God which is like His Spirit, whose function is the production of righteousness. It is this new spirit which makes us a "new man" who is renewed in knowledge according to God's image, i.e. renewed in the knowledge of the person of God. However, we still have our old flesh and our old soul, which is our mind, emotions, and will. These things hamper our

walk with God and the setting of our minds on the things of God. This is what Paul refers to as the "old man." Since we can't change our flesh without dying and leaving this earth, we can put on the new man by renewing our minds from the Word of God. This Word in **Rom 12:2** says **"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."**

According to **Rom 8:5**, **"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit."** In today's American culture, the news media and entertainment media have set their minds on the things of the flesh, and bombard our lives with pleas to do likewise. This has caused a tremendous decline in American culture from the days of World War 2 till today. The Church in America has not been immune to this decline, because it has not taken a strong stand for the morality of the Bible.

In these last years before the visible return of our Lord Jesus, let us "throw off" the things of the old man, and let us "put on" the things of the new man. We can do this by setting our minds on those things above, not only the list mentioned in paragraph 2, but also on the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in **1 Cor 12:7-11**, so that we might minister eternal life, healing, and deliverance to those in need. I am convinced that if we do this, the finest hour of the Church in America will occur outside the four walls of the local church and instead in the marketplace and local neighborhoods. Let each of us exhibit the new man in a way that has never been seen before in our land. May God receive the honor, glory and praise! It is time to act!

JAPAN REPORT

Last month we spent almost 2 weeks in Sapporo, on the island of Hokkaido. Almost from the outset we realized that a Bible school would be impractical at this time, since the Gill manuals haven't been translated into Japanese, and very few Japanese speak English. We did walk through the city praying in the Spirit, and with the help of the concierge at our hotel, we were able to attend a Christian Pentecostal church on a Sunday morning.

We were warmly welcomed at the Pentecostal church, and the female piano player spoke a little English! The praise and worship part of the service was very uplifting, and even had an element of spiritual warfare! After the service we were invited to stay for lunch, as was the custom at this church. We gladly accepted, and had a good noodle dish. Then we offered to pray for their sick and afflicted, and 15 of the 20 worshippers came forward to be prayed for. The Lord really moved in their behalf, and **many were healed!** The impact on that small church was great.

Three days later we were visited in our hotel by an American missionary whom we had contacted with the help of the Pentecostal church. He had been serving on Hokkaido for 20 years, and had a Japanese wife. He was associated with **Christ for the Nations, Japan**. This dear brother gave us valuable information concerning Japanese culture. We gave him a CD with the Gill manuals on it, which he could use in his current Bible school. It was an interesting visit, and we learned a lot.

GRACE SAYS:

Our time in Japan was wonderful in that Jack and I had more quiet time with the Lord and with each other. There was no hurried schedule because we ministered in only one church. However, God was awesome in leading us to the church, providing a translator, and healing many instantly of various ailments. That was fun.

Our special quiet times together resulted in one especially encouraging dream. I looked off into the distance and there was my husband walking on water! The water was smooth as glass. He had no suitcases in his hands but I noticed that he never looked down, only straight ahead. In my dream, I thought that I could do that too! End of dream. Interpretation: Wherever He leads, we will walk by faith, not looking at circumstances and will do the miraculous things that Jesus did! You can too!

NEWEST BIBLE SCHOOLS

Lately, we have heard 3 different reports of new Bible schools being birthed from existing Bible schools. Here they are:

ARGENTINA

Pastor Aldo Herrera from Salta preached in Curuzu Coatia in northeastern Argentina, and mentioned the Bible schools in Salta. The pastor in Curuzu Coatia asked him to help them start the same type of Bible school in their city. That happened in April. The new school has already begun.

BOTSWANA

Apostle Future Museba has emailed me that since we visited Botswana in March, a lady pastor from the town of Lobatse has started another Bible school with the materials that we brought.

PHILIPPINES

Pastor Arbas' daughter emailed me and asked for the materials to start a Bible school in Dumaguete, Negros, where we had ministered in February. There are already 3 schools in Dumaguete, but Pastor Arbas wants one in his church. Glory to God!

This is the stage that we have longed for, which is finally appearing—namely; that existing Bible schools give birth to new Bible schools. This sequence is how multiplication works. In our prayer time we speak to the existing schools and command them to multiply, multiply, multiply!

MINISTRY TRAINING GROUND

We are excited that for the next 6 weeks Jack will be teaching at Praise Chapel, 660 W Ave L in Lancaster. He will be teaching every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The subjects taught will be FAITH and SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Several new concepts will be brought out, which have already been tested and proved in the nations. Come and learn some vital things for the days ahead.

Love,

Jack & Grace

