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Title: Put off/Put on

Scripture:

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Colossians 3:8

Put them all aside

Get rid of them, put them away

General reference to clothing

Get rid of the dirty smelly clothes

Last week – starve your old sin nature, don't feed it, don't give in to its appetites and...

The new picture for this week...

Put them all aside...

Get rid of it, put them off like dirty, smelly clothes

Past life...

New life...

Take off the old, the past

Put on the new

Repeated in next verse also

- ... *since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,*

Laid aside the old self

A thing that happened in the past

Our old self has already been laid aside

The implication of this past thing is our new identity found in Jesus

We participated in Jesus' death and resurrection

Our new life demands a new lifestyle

Since we are new we need to put on certain things

Since we are new we need to put off certain things

The lists we've talked about – verses 5, 7

Put those things off

Future verses will tell us specific things to put on

Since we are new, since we are redeemed

We should and we shouldn't

Put off the old, put on the new

Put off Anger

Anger – deep smoldering, resentful bitterness

Problems in life don't create our anger

Problems in life reveal our anger and give us a target for our fury

Let me repeat that... Think about that

Life doesn't make us angry

Life reveals our anger, gives us a target for it

I can't blame...

It is my response...

Most of my kids have had to deal w/ anger

Some more than others...

Considering their backgrounds – all that they went through

Why did this have to happen to them?

Those questions and situations often lead them to anger

Sometimes we see it on the surface – hard to avoid

With others it is deep seated, smoldering inside

Waiting for the chance to come out

Some of my kids exhibit this deep smoldering anger

You can feel it at times

Just under the surface, just waiting

Then there are others...

Wrath – sudden outburst of anger

Like fire in straw – flares briefly and is gone

Back in Colorado and Nebraska we had tumble weeds

Haven't seen any here

Remember, the song, they are real ☺

Really fun driving in the dark on a windy night

They would appear out of nowhere

Sometimes as big as your car...

There were times we would burn them

Actually, quite fun

Once you got them lit – there would be this huge burst of flame

Lots of crackling and popping

Then it was over as fast as it started

That's the idea here

Quick burst of flame, anger – crackling and popping
Then it's over

Anger and wrath are closely related

Anger is the churning, boiling under the surface stuff,
Waiting to erupt

S. sets it off and we explode in wrath

Wrath is anger that explodes – often making quite a mess

There are unbelievers who live with a deep burning resentment

Why are they alive?

Why do they have to endure the pains of life?

Didn't ask for this...

Don't know how to handle it...

Life stokes the fire and they are waiting to explode

Problems in life don't create our anger

Problems in life reveal our anger and give us a target for our fury

Malice – general term for moral evil

A vicious nature, bent on doing harm to others

Probably referring to harm that comes from evil talk

All of these – anger, wrath, malice will often lead to

Slander – Greek word is *blasphemia* (blasphemy)

Slander in relation to God is called blasphemy

Speaking against another person is slander

Slandering people is also slandering God

For people are created by God

People should be treated respectfully for we
are created in God's image

Our speech should not contain insults, remarks directed at others

James has much to say about the tongue

James 3:6-11

Topping the list, bottom of the list...

Abusive speech – obscene, derogatory speech

The intent is to hurt and wound someone

Forbidden in scripture

Matthew 12:36

36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Think about that one... every careless word...

Put all of this away, put it off, from your mouth

The anger, the wrath, the malice, the slander and the abusive speech

The underlying problem is refusal to worship God
To submit to Him as Lord

With our mouth we can curse God

With our mouth we can trust God

With our mouth we repent and turn to Him and be saved

Put off lying

Colossians 3:9

We are, as believers, to live a life of truth

Summary of what's just been said

Lying is a verbal act – making a false statement

It is also a denial of the truth

God is truth

Lying involves denying the truth

The truth can only be found in God

Romans 1:25

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Lying is to be equated with idolatry

This also links both of the lists here in Colossians

We are to put off our greed – evil desires

We are to put off anger and lying...

Put on new self

Colossians 3:10a

Put off the old Put on the new
 Take off the old self, the old man
 Put on the new self, the new man
 Need to have our behavior reflect the new self
 Not behavior reflecting the old self
There has been a drastic change of clothes (life) here
 B/c of the cross and the resurrection

*They have a dress for success day w/ ROTC at school
Once a week, on Wednesday
Isaiah (others) has to get all dressed up in his uniform
Dress pants, button down shirt, even a tie
That he can tie himself ☺
He will have a coat when they're finished altering it
Then shiny black shoes
Dress for success
Look the part...*

This is what we're being told here
 You are a new creature, you have a new life
 Dress like it – act like it
 Not just special days, all the time...

Much debate over the relation of the old self and the new self...
 At salvation do we get a new self and keep the old self?
 This would make salvation addition, not
 transformation
 At salvation the old self is done away with
 2 Corinthians 5:17 therefore if any man be in...
 Salvation is transformation
 The old self is gone, replaced by the new self

What is the old self?
 The unregenerate self
 The former manner of existence
 Old, wretched, depraved, sinful self
Can our souls be half regenerate and half unregenerate?

The new self is the regenerated self
This is what we are in Christ
We are new creatures
We walk differently from the world

We are either in Christ or in Adam
There is no middle ground

So, why do we sin?
If the old self is gone...

What are we supposed to starve?
It is the flesh

Our new self lives in the old body
We have to contend w/ the flesh
The flesh is our sinful desires, drives and passions
Associated with our humanness – what needs to be starved

The flesh goes to the closet and says
Put on these old rags, remember how comfortable they were
We had so much fun, remember...
This causes us to groan inwardly
Waiting for our adoption, the redemption of our body

Put on knowledge

- *...who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him*

This new self is being continually renewed
Talk about the fountain of youth
And it just doesn't stop
It is continuing – being renewed

This new nature is complete
It has the capacity for growth
It is being transformed daily into God's image

<p><i>Just as a child grows Our new self grows each day</i></p>

*Day by day God's image grows deeper in us
It is fun watching our grandkids grow
Trying to figure out which parent they look like, which parent they
act like
Little Bailee, our youngest has her Dad's hair – funny to see such
dark curly hair on a 4 month old baby ☺
Addisyn has her mother's hair which is reddish
She also has her Dad's complexion which is dark
One of my brothers, Mike, looks like my Dad
Never thought it until recent years
Every time I see him now he looks more like him*

The same is true spiritually
When we repent and trust Jesus as Savior
We become babies, we are newly born
Over time we grow
We become more like our Father, we are to look more and more
like Him, we are being changed into His image...

Romans 8:28-29a

...to become conformed to the image of His Son

- *...being renewed to a true knowledge*

This is a deep, thorough knowledge, full and complete knowledge
Renewal brings increased knowledge
We grow as we learn more

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

There is a process going on in our lives
It begins the moment we come to know Jesus
A process of renewing, bringing us to full knowledge
God is at work on our inner man, day by day
Conforming us to Himself

We progress in true, complete, deep knowledge...

What is our source of knowledge?

The Bible, not a person, not a practice

The Bible is our source of knowledge

2 Timothy 3:16...

God's word is the food that fuels our new self

Our rate of growth depends on our practice of knowledge
The goal of knowledge is not knowledge for the sake of knowledge
The goal of knowledge is to be conformed to the image of the One who created us
Become more like our Savior

Ephesians 4:22-23

Put off the old man – corrupted by lusts of deceit

Don't wear the old man's clothes

Renewed in the spirit of our mind

Renewed in knowledge

God's knowledge – taking it in and growing by it

Our growth happens in proportion to the knowledge we take in and appropriate, use, put into practice

Conclusion:

First question to consider today...

Have you put off the old self?

Have you repented and trusted Jesus as your Savior?

If the old self is gone...

What are you feeding, do you keep putting on the “old, dirty, clothes”

Are you dressing for success?

Are you growing in knowledge of God's Word?

Benediction:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Sermon outline
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Colossians 3:8-10

Put o ____ /Put o ____

Put off A _____

Put off l _____

Put on n _____ self

Put on k _____