

Lesson XII.

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

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Colossians 3 : 1-15—Memory Verses 1-4

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, *who* is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth ; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry :

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience :

7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8. But now ye also put off all these ; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds ;

10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him :

11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free : but Christ *is* all, and in all.

12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering ;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any : even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body ; and be ye thankful.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Jesus rose from the dead He went back to Heaven to be with His Father.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to be forgiven and to come and be with Him after they die.



But there are a great many things He wants His people to do just now while they are still alive.

One thing Jesus wants His friends to do is to remember Him every day, and to think of the time when He will come back for them as He promised.

In the Bible it tells how to spend time so as to be glad to see Jesus when He comes.

A very good man named Paul once wrote a letter to some friends of Jesus called the Colossians, telling them how they ought to behave if they were going to be true friends of Jesus.

Paul told them about two men. These men were quite different. One was called "the old man," and the other was called "The new man."

Now, the "old man" is as bad as he can be. He is like Satan, and because Satan is his master he has learned to do Satan's different sorts of work.

But the "old man" thinks he is having a good time. He tells lies, cheats, swears and likes to do many other terrible things. He is very quarrelsome and stingy, too.

Sometimes he has to go about in ragged clothes because he has spent all his money in getting drunk, and his little children are often hungry and cold.

But the "new man" is a much pleasanter person.

He is always neatly dressed, though often he is poor.

He is a friend of Jesus, and he likes to go