

man; the new nature, which is ours through the Holy Spirit's indwelling. (John 3 : 3, 5) **Neither Greek, etc.** The new man in Christ refuses to hate his brother simply because he belongs to another race or rank. **Christ is all.** In Christ He looks on them all as brothers, for they all belong to Christ, even as he does.

12. Put on—as the elect. Christians

must not merely "put off," but "put on," as those whom God has chosen, that they may be arrayed in the beauty of holiness. **Bowels of mercies**—"A heart of compassion" (R.V.).

14. Above all. That is, over all, as a girdle to bind the other garments together. Love unites all the Christian graces, and is the silken girdle which completes the dress.

ASK YOURSELF

By whom was this Epistle written? To whom? Where was Colosse? Where was Paul when the Epistle was written?

Juniors

1. What is the lesson title? Where is Christ now? What is He doing? (Also Rom. 8 : 34.) What is meant by "risen with Christ?" (Eph. 2 : 6.)

2-4. On what should our affections be placed? Why not on earthly things? In what sense are Christians "dead"? (Rom. 6 : 2; Gal. 2 : 20)

5, 6. What is the meaning of "mortify"? What should be mortified? Whence do all the evil things come? (Mark 7 : 21-23.)

8. What were the Colossians now to do?

9-11. What command is here given? What reason for it? What is meant by the "old man"? By the "new man"? In whose image is the "new man"?

12-15. What name is given here to God's people? What are they to "put on"? After what fashion are they to forgive? What grace of the Christian character makes perfect? What are we to have rule in our hearts? Why should we be thankful?

Seniors

1-7. Under whose guidance were the Books of Scripture written? Upon what should our affections be firmly set? (Mark 12 30; Ps. 42 : 1.) Who has the first claim on our love? (Matt. 10 : 37; Luke 14 : 26.)

8, 9. How had the life of the Colossians been affected for evil? As a result what were they to discontinue? What were they to practise? How does sin appear to the renewed man? (Rom. 6 : 21; Job. 4 : 2-6.)

10-14. To the new man in Christ what distinctions seem sinful? Who should be supreme? What spirit should all possess? Why are God's people called "the elect of God"? What should be the chief motive to forgiveness? How should charity be exhibited? (Heb. 6 : 10; Gal. 5 : 13; Matt. 25 : 35; Matt. 5 : 44; Gal. 6 : 10.) Upon whom does God bestow His peace?

PRACTICAL

1. The grave in which Christ lay and the heaven in which Christ now dwells are not more different than a soul dead in sin and a soul made alive by God's Holy Spirit.

2. We come by degrees to be like the thing we love. If we love base things we shall become base. If our heart is in heaven we shall become

heavenlike.

3. To mortify means to strike dead. Are we seeking to slay the vile brood of evil desires and habits that infest our hearts?

4. Count up the list of beautiful garments which every well-dressed Christian ought to have on (vs. 12-14).

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why should we set our affection on things above?

2. What things are Christians to put off and what to put on?

3. Which is the greatest of Christian graces, and why?