

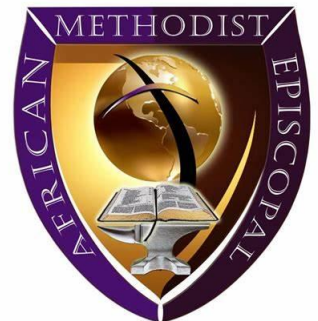


Welcome to St. Paul AME Church Winter Garden, Florida

Where we are changing lives and perspectives through the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

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Notes: Walking as A New Man in Christ Jesus –
the Manifestation of Christ Jesus in You
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Old Man (Old Self) – Your Life Before Christ

Definition:

The sinful nature inherited from Adam—marked by self-centeredness, rebellion against God, and blatant patterns and acceptance of sin. It's the "you" shaped by the world before salvation.

- **Characteristics in Colossians 3:**
- **Earthly nature** – sinful desires that control life apart from God.
- **Specific sins named:**

When we didn't know better, didn't know Christ, we were yet dead spiritually.	Exercise the Holy Spirit to put off...now that we have been born again
Sexual immorality Impurity Lust / evil desires Greed (idolatry)	<i>Anger</i> <i>Rage</i> <i>Malice</i> <i>Slander</i> <i>Filthy language</i> <i>Lying</i>

- **Outcome:** Provokes God's wrath (v.6) and belongs to your past life (v.7).
- **Command:** "Put to death" (v.5) and "rid yourselves" (v.8).
- **Why,** because we are new creatures in Christ!

New Man (New Self) – Your Life in Christ

Definition:

The transformed life given by the Spirit when you're born again—renewed to reflect Christ's character. We made a conscious decision to accept Him as Lord of our lives. To grow in grace, we have to make a conscious decision to become more like the example of Christ. (See **Characteristics in Colossians 3**)

- **Renewed in knowledge** in the image of the Creator (v.10).
- **Christ-centered identity** – no racial, cultural, or social divisions; Christ is all and in all (v.11).
- **Clothed in virtues:**
 - Compassion
 - Kindness
 - Humility
 - Gentleness
 - Patience
 - Forgiveness
 - Love (the bond of perfect unity)
- **Marked by:**
 - Peace of Christ ruling in your heart (v.15)
 - Thankfulness (v.15, 17)
 - God's Word dwelling richly in you (v.16)
 - Living and speaking in Jesus' name (v.17)
- When does it happen, it doesn't happen overnight....but, by grace and time. Studying, praying, exercising discipline to make the decision each and every time to do what Christ would do. Some times we fall short but; over time we grow from level to level (glory to glory). Until one day we don't even recognize that old person we use to be in the world because we've been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-17	Explanation
Getting Rid of Carnality; but Putting on Christ	
Verse 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.	Since you've been raised with Christ, direct your desires toward heavenly, eternal things where Christ reigns.
Verse 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.	Keep your thoughts focused on spiritual realities, not worldly distractions.
Verse 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.	Your old life is gone; your true life is hidden and secure with Christ in God.
Verse 4 When Christ <i>who is</i> our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.	When Christ returns, you will share in His glory because He is your life.
Verse 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.	Put to death sinful behaviors rooted in your earthly nature—sexual sin, impurity, uncontrolled desires, greed (idolatry).
Verse 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,	These sins bring God's judgment.
Verse 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.	You once lived in these sins, but that was your past life.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-17	Explanation
Verse 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.	Now also remove destructive attitudes and speech—anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language.
Verse 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,	Stop lying, because you’ve put off your old self and its sinful habits.
Verse 10 and have put on the new <i>man</i> who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,	You’ve put on a new self that’s being renewed to reflect God’s image.
Verse 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave <i>nor</i> free, but Christ <i>is</i> all and in all.	In Christ, human distinctions (ethnic, cultural, social) don’t divide; Christ is everything and in everyone.
<i>a renewal in which there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, [nor between nations whether] [c]barbarian or [d]Scythian, [nor in status whether] slave or free, but Christ is all, and in all [so believers are equal in Christ, without distinction].</i>	
Character of the New Man – to Walk in the Blessings of God We have to walk in the Word of God	
Verse 12 Therefore, as <i>the</i> elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;	As God’s chosen and loved people, wear the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
Verse 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also <i>must do</i> .	Be patient with one another and forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Verse 14 <i>"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."</i>	Above all, put on love—it’s what perfectly unites all virtues.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-17	Explanation
Verse 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.	Let Christ's peace rule your heart and maintain unity in the body of Christ; be thankful.
Verse 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.	Let Christ's message fill you, teaching and encouraging one another through psalms, hymns, and Spirit-inspired songs, with gratitude to God.
Verse 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, <i>do</i> all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.	In everything you do or say, represent Jesus and give thanks to God through Him.

Manifestation of Christ Jesus in You	
Colossians 1:27 (KJV) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.	Paul calls this the revealed mystery: Christ living in you, producing the hope and assurance of victory here on earth and being presented blameless and faultless - eternal life with Christ Jesus.
2 Corinthians 4:10–11 (KJV) Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.	Our daily surrender allows the life of Christ to be <i>seen</i> in us, even through trials. Not with Defeat; But with Victory