

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Colossians Bible Study — Colossians 3:8-13 Lesson #14

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Colossians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.
(Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

8-9 But now **YOU also must PUT OFF all these:** Anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, **FILTHY LANGUAGE** out of your mouth. **Do not LIE** to one another, since you have **PUT OFF the old man** with his deeds.

•**Ephesians 4:22** “That _____, concerning your former _____, the _____, which grows _____ according to its deceitful _____ and _____.”

•**Ephesians 4:25** “Therefore, _____ away _____, [let] each one speak _____ with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.”

•**Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord _____, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a _____ look, a _____ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises _____, feet that are swift in running to evil, a _____ witness who _____, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

•**Romans 6:12-13** “Do _____ sin reign (have control) in your mortal _____, that you should _____ it in its desires. And do not _____ your _____ as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but _____ yourselves unto _____, as those that are _____ from the _____, and your members (parts of your body) as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

•**Exodus 20:13-16** “You shall not _____, you shall not commit adultery (ANY sexual activity other than a man and woman married to each other). You shall not _____. You shall not bear _____ against your neighbor.”

•**Revelation 21:8** “But the cowardly, _____, abominable, _____, _____ immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all _____ shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

•**Colossians 4:6** “Let your _____ always be with _____, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to _____ each one.”

•**Psalms 34:13** “Keep your _____ from evil, and your _____ from speaking guile (dishonesty, deceit).”

•**Proverbs 8:13** “The fear of the Lord is to hate _____; _____ and _____ and the _____ way and the _____ I hate.”

Definition: “PERVERSE MOUTH” — A perverse mouth is one of the things GOD HATES!! Perverse means “turned away from, or opposing what is right or good; **CORRUPT**; improper, stubborn, obstinate.” This includes **LYING, and FILTHY LANGUAGE** of any kind.

•**Ephesians 4:29** “Let _____ communication proceed out of your _____, but what is _____ for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

•**Psalms 39:1** “I said, ‘I will _____ my ways, lest I _____ with my _____’

_____ ; I will restrain my _____ with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me.”

Definition: “PUT OFF the OLD MAN with his DEEDS” — The “old man” is our sinful human nature; **the embodiment of our BAD HABITS and behavior patterns** learned BEFORE we were BORN AGAIN (we could also call them **our character defects and shortcomings**). God’s word says that **WE as Believers** are the ones who have a **CHOICE** about following the **old nature** and its desires. **God’s word likens it to putting off clothing - we must PUT OFF the behavior patterns and “deeds” of the old nature.** If we **renew our minds** with the word of God, we will have the **WILL POWER** and **strength from God** to **CHOOSE to FOLLOW the new nature** (the NEW MAN), and PUT OFF the old man.

• **Romans 12:1-2** “I beseech (beg) you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that YOU _____ your _____ as a living sacrifice, _____ and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable _____. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the _____ of your _____ that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

10-11 And have **PUT ON the NEW MAN who is RENEWED in knowledge according to the IMAGE of Him** who created him, where **there is neither GREEK nor JEW**, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, **slave nor free**, but Christ is all and in all.

• **Ephesians 4:23-24** “And be _____ in the spirit of your _____; and that _____ put on the _____, which was _____ according to _____, in righteousness and true _____.”

• **II Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is _____, he is a _____; old things are passed away, behold, all things have become new.”

• **I Corinthians 12:12-14** “For as the body is _____ and has many members, but _____ the _____ of that one body, being many, are _____ body, so also is _____. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into _____ - whether _____ or _____, whether _____ or _____ - and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

Definition: “RENEWED in knowledge according to the IMAGE of Him” — As we RENEW our minds with the Word of God (knowledge), **we are transformed, CHANGED and MADE NEW, according to the IMAGE of Jesus Christ.** That means we will start to look more like Him, and our lives will start to look more and more like His. If we want to see positive changes in our lives, we **must RENEW our MINDS** by constantly reading the **WORD of God.** Otherwise, we will think, act and talk just like the rest of the **world.** As our **minds** are changed (our way of thinking), **we will begin to see things as God sees them**, and our outward behavior will change. We will “Walk in the Spirit and will not fulfill (carry out) the lusts of the flesh (the Old Man).” Galatians 5:16

• **John 8:31** “Then _____ said to those Jews who believed in Him, “If you _____ (continue) in My _____, then you are _____ My _____.”

• **II Corinthians 3:18** “For we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the _____ of the _____, are being _____ into the same _____ from glory to glory, just as by the _____ of the Lord.”

• **Romans 12:2** “And do _____ be _____ to this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____, that you may prove (show) what is that _____ and _____ and _____ will of God.”

•Romans 8:29 “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Definition: “Conformed to the IMAGE of His Son” — CONFORM means to be similar or identical; to be MADE INTO THE SAME SHAPE or CHARACTER. God wants to make us as much LIKE JESUS as possible.

Definition: “PUT ON the NEW MAN” – God **CREATES** the new nature (“NEW MAN”) in you when you are BORN AGAIN (your spirit is MADE ALIVE), when you receive Jesus as your Savior, but **you must make a DAILY conscious decision** to LET the NEW NATURE and God’s Spirit CONTROL you. You must **YIELD or SURRENDER your WILL and your body to God** every day, even moment by moment, and **give Him the right** to use you as His servant. This is called **“PUTTING ON the NEW MAN.”** Since the “new man” is **MADE in the IMAGE of Jesus Christ**, the Bible also refers to this as **“putting on” the Lord Jesus Christ.**

•Romans 13:14 “But _____ the Lord _____, and make no provision for the _____, to fulfill its _____.”

Definition: “There is neither GREEK nor JEW” – **The verse goes on to say there is also no difference between** “circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free.” This means, in God’s eyes, there is no difference between nationalities and social status, the things by which we humans judge one another. God does not show partiality or “respect of persons.” Partiality (in the King James Version, it is called “respect of persons”) means to judge someone by their outward appearance, and **PREFER one type of person over another** for the wrong reasons; **an unfair prejudice or bias.** In the Book of James, James was addressing the problem of rich and poor people in the church. He was telling the Christians not to prefer or like someone better just because they were rich and dressed in fancy clothes, or to neglect or treat someone unfairly just because they were poor and wearing raggedy clothes.

•Galatians 3:26-28 “For you are _____ sons (children) of God through _____ in _____. For as many of you as were baptized _____ have put on Christ. There is neither _____ nor _____, there is neither _____ nor _____, there is neither _____ nor _____; for you are all _____ in Christ Jesus.”

•Ephesians 6:9 “And you, _____, do the same things to them (slaves), giving up threatening, knowing that your own _____ also is in heaven, and there is no _____ with Him.”

•Romans 2:11 “For there is no _____ with God.”

•Deuteronomy 1:17 “You shall show no _____ in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the _____; you shall not be _____ in any man’s presence, for the judgment is God’s.....”

•Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth and said, ‘In truth I perceive that _____ shows no _____.’”

•James 2:1-4 “My brethren, do not hold the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with _____. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel (clothes), and there should also come in a _____ man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes, and say to him, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and say to the _____ man, ‘You stand there,’ or, ‘Sit here at my footstool,’ have you not shown _____ among yourselves and become _____ with evil thoughts (motives)?”

12-13 Therefore, **as the ELECT of God**, holy and beloved, **put on TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, humbleness of mind (humility), MEEKNESS, longsuffering (patience); bearing with one another, and forgiving one another**, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

• **Mark 11:25** “And whenever you stand praying, if you have _____ against anyone, _____ him, that your Father in heaven may also _____ you your trespasses.”

• **Ephesians 4:32** “And be _____ to one another, tenderhearted, _____ one another, just as God in Christ also _____ you.”

• **Proverbs 31:26** “She opens her _____ with _____, and on her _____ is the law of _____.”

Definition: “As the ELECT of God” – “Elect” means CHOSEN. This means God chose us and our names are written in the Book of Life of JESUS, the LAMB of GOD, before we ever accepted Christ, before we were born, and even before God created the world. In Ephesians 1:5 it is called “being **PREDESTINED**” and in **I Peter 1:2** it is called being **ELECT**. Not only has God CHOSEN US before the world existed, but He KNEW (His foreknowledge) how He would save us through the death of His own Son, before He even created man or before man sinned. Notice how in I Peter 1:2 all three persons of the Godhead are involved in our salvation. The Holy Spirit seems to do the work of sanctifying, but it is by the blood of Jesus, and all according to the Father’s plan from all eternity.

• **I Peter 1:2** “_____ according to the _____ of _____ the Father, in sanctification of the _____, for obedience and sprinkling of the _____ of _____.”

• **Revelation 13:8** “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him (the anti-Christ), whose names have _____ been _____ in the _____ of _____ of the Lamb which was slain from the _____ of the world.”

• **John 6: 44** “_____ one can come to Me unless the _____ who sent Me _____ him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

• **John 15:16** Jesus said, “You have _____ Me, but I have _____ YOU, and ordained you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain....”

• **John 6:65** “And He said, ‘Therefore I have said to you, that no one can _____ to Me unless it has been _____ to him _____ My _____.’”

• **John 6:37** “All that the Father _____ will _____ to _____, and the one who _____ to Me I will by no means cast out.”

• **Jeremiah 1:5** “_____ I formed you in the _____, I knew you, and before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you and I _____ you to be a prophet unto the nations.”

• **Romans 9:11 & 23-24** “For the children _____ yet being _____, nor having done any good or evil, that the _____ of _____ according to _____ (His choice) might stand, _____ of _____ but of Him who _____ (chooses)...” (Verses 23-24) “And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of _____, which He had _____ for glory, even _____ whom He called, not of the _____ only, but also of the _____.”

Definition: “Put on TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS..... MEEKNESS, longsuffering” – This is not a full list, but here are mentioned most of the FRUIT of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This FRUIT will

be abundant in your life as you **allow the Holy Spirit to control your heart, mind, and actions.** This is what Jesus meant by our lives producing fruit that will glorify God the Father. “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (John 15:8).

•**Galatians 5:22-23** “But the _____ of the _____ is _____, joy, peace, _____, _____, _____, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.....”