

Message Two
**Being Renewed in the Spirit of the Mind
for the Practical Existence of the One New Man**

Various Hymns: 750

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:15-16; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11; Rom. 12:2

- Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

I. Everything that the Lord is doing in this present age is to usher in the practical existence of the one new man; this is the Lord's move on earth today—Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11.

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II. In our experience as believers in Christ, we should cooperate with the Triune God to put off the old man, which was terminated on the cross, and put on the new man, which was created through Christ's death and resurrection—Eph. 2:15; 4:22, 24:

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- A. Regarding our former manner of life, we must put off the old man—v. 22:
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
1. In baptism we put off the old man; our old man was crucified with Christ and was buried in baptism—Rom. 6:4a, 6.
Rom 6:4a We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, ...
Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
 2. The former manner of life was a walk in the vanity of the mind—Eph. 4:22, 17:
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph 4:17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the

- Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,
- a. The former manner of life includes everything related to us, especially the community life of the old man—v. 22.
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
 - b. To put off regarding the “former manner of life, the old man” is to put off our way of living—v. 22.
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
3. The old man “is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit”—v. 22:
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
 - a. The article before *deceit* is emphatic, and *the deceit* is personified.
 - b. *The deceit* refers to the deceiver, Satan, from whom come the lusts of the corrupted old man.
- B. We need to “put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality”—v. 24:
Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
1. In baptism we put on the new man—Rom. 6:4b.
Rom 6:4b ... in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
 2. The new man is of Christ; it is His Body created in Him on the cross—Eph. 2:15-16.
Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
 3. To put on the new man is to put on the community life of the one new man—4:24:
Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
 - a. To put on the church life as the one new man is to put on a corporate entity produced by the mingling of the divine Spirit with the regenerated human spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.
1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
 - b. Since we are part of the one new man, our living should be the living of the one new man as the corporate God-man—Eph. 4:17-32.
Eph 4:17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,
Eph 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;
Eph 4:19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.
Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ,
Eph 4:21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,
Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
Eph 4:25 Therefore having put off the lie, speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
Eph 4:26 Be angry, yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your indignation,

- Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.
- Eph 4:28 He who steals should steal no more, but rather should labor, working with his own hands in that which is respectable, that he may have something to share with him who has need.
- Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear.
- Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.
- Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and evil speaking be removed from you, with all malice.
- Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.

4. *The reality* in Ephesians 4:24 is the personification of God; the reality is God; it was in the righteousness and holiness of the reality that the one new man was created.
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

III. The key to putting off the old man and putting on the new man is in being renewed in the spirit of our mind—v. 23:

- Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- A. Christ as the life-giving Spirit is now in our spirit, and these two spirits mingle together to form the spirit of the mind—2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17.
 - 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
 - 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- B. When the life-giving Spirit, who dwells in and is mingled with our regenerated spirit, spreads into our mind, this mingled spirit becomes the spirit of the mind; it is by this mingled spirit that our mind is renewed—Eph. 4:23.
 - Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- C. To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is inward and intrinsic; the renewing in the spirit of our mind revolutionizes our logic, philosophy, thought, concept, and psychology—Rom. 12:2.
 - Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- D. The only possibility of God's purpose being fulfilled in this age is that we all would be willing to be renewed in the spirit of our mind—Eph. 3:11; 4:23.
 - Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 - Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

IV. The renewal of the mind is for the practical existence of the one new man—vv. 22-24; Col. 3:10-11:

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- A. The only way that the one new man can be realized practically is by our mind being renewed—Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-11.
 - Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
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- B. We need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind actually and daily in our living; otherwise, there is no way for the Lord to have the one new man.
- C. Our mind needs to be renewed not only for our spiritual conduct or for our personal, ethical behavior but for the existence of the one new man—Eph. 4:24.
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
- D. The focal point of our being renewed in the spirit of our mind is the one new man—vv. 23-24.
- Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
- E. Throughout our life, our national and racial mentality has been built up, and for the existence of the one new man, this mentality must be renewed—v. 23:
- Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
1. Our natural and national mentality was educated and built up according to our racial and cultural background; this is the greatest hindrance to the practical existence of the one new man—Col. 3:10-11.
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
2. In order for the one new man to come into full existence, we must experience a thorough renewal of our mind, which has been built up according to our nationality and culture—Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-11.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
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- F. In our prayer we need to have a desire to enter into the practicality of the one new man, and thus, we need to ask the Lord to renew our mind and transform our inner being—Rom. 12:2.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- G. Daily we need to put off the old man and put on the new man; for this we need to drink of the one Spirit so that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind in every area of our daily life—1 Cor. 12:13:
- 1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.
1. When we drink of the Spirit, He saturates every part of our being; the first part of our soul that He saturates is our mind—v. 13; Rom. 12:2.
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- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
2. If we drink of the Spirit, we will be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and this renewing will make us all into one new man—Eph. 4:23-24.
 Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
 Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
3. When our mind has been renewed, the one new man will come into existence in a practical way, and Christ will truly be all and in all—Col. 3:10-11.
 Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
 Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- H. “All those who love Him, pursue Him, and follow Him on the entire earth today must be renewed in the spirit of their mind to become the one new man, taking Him as their person and living by Him. This is what the Lord wants today” (*One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man*, p. 101).