

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Spring Term of 2008**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS**

Message Forty-Four

**Their Present—Experiencing  
the Dispensing of the Divine Trinity Corporately  
by Putting On the New Man**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:15; 4:20-24; Col. 3:10-11

- I. The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man created in Christ to accomplish God's eternal purpose—Eph. 2:15; 4:23-24; 1:9, 11; 3:9; Rom. 8:29:**
  - A. The emphasis of the church being the Body of Christ is on life, whereas the emphasis of the church being the one new man is on the person.
  - B. As the Body of Christ, the church needs Christ as its life; as the one new man, the church needs Christ as its person—Col. 3:4; Eph. 3:17.
- II. The one new man is a corporate, universal man—a corporate God-man, the aggregate of all the God-men—4:24; Col. 3:10-11.**
- III. To put off the old man is to put off the old nature, the old way of life, and the worldly, social relationships—Eph. 4:22.**
- IV. The new man was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality—v. 24:**
  - A. The new man was created according to God Himself inwardly, with God's life and nature; in a very real sense the new man is the same as God.
  - B. Outwardly everything related to the new man is righteous, and inwardly everything related to the new man is holy:
    1. Righteousness is being right with God and with man according to God's righteous way—Matt. 5:20; Phil. 3:9.
    2. Holiness is being separated unto God from anything common and being saturated with His holy nature—Heb. 12:10; 2 Pet. 3:11.
  - C. The deceit in Ephesians 4:22, related to the old man, is the personification of Satan, and the reality in verse 24, related to the new man, is the personification of God; the deceit is the devil, and the reality is God.
- V. The believers put on the new man by the renewing in the spirit of their mind—v. 23; Rom. 12:2:**
  - A. The way to put on the new man is for our spirit, which is mingled with the Spirit, to become the spirit of our mind—Eph. 4:23.
  - B. For the spirit to become the spirit of our mind means that the spirit directs, controls, dominates, and possesses our mind; when the spirit directs our mind, it directs our whole being.

- C. How much in experience we put on the new man depends on how much our spirit directs our being; day by day we need to put on the new man by permitting the mingled spirit to control our being and renew our mind—v. 24.

**VI. The new man is “being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”—Col. 3:10:**

- A. Although the new man was created in our spirit when we were regenerated, there is still the need for the new man to be renewed throughout our entire being; this requires that the new man spread in the divine life with the divine nature throughout our being—v. 10; 1 Thes. 5:23.
- B. The new man is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Christ—Col. 1:15; 3:10:
  - 1. Full knowledge is the result of renewing; the growth of the new man within us issues in true spiritual knowledge.
  - 2. The spreading of the divine element within us is according to Christ, who is the image of God, God’s expression; the more renewing we experience, the more we will have the image of God—v. 10; 1:15; 2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3.

**VII. In the one new man Christ is all the members and in all the members—Col. 3:11:**

- A. The Christ who dwells in us is the constituent of the one new man—1:27; 3:4.
- B. Because Christ is all the members of the new man, there is no room in the new man for any race, nationality, culture, or social status—vv. 10-11.
- C. In order to experience the reality of Christ being all the members of the one new man and being in all the members, we need to take Christ as our life and person and live Him, not ourselves—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a.

**VIII. The living of the one new man should be exactly the same as the living of Jesus—Eph. 4:20-21:**

- A. The way that the Lord Jesus lived on earth is the way that the new man should live today—Matt. 11:28-30; John 6:57; 4:34; 5:17, 19, 30.
- B. Our standard of living must be according to the reality in Jesus, the reality lived out by the Lord Jesus when He was on earth—Eph. 4:20-21:
  - 1. Jesus was one with God and lived a life in which He did everything in God, with God, and for God.
  - 2. Jesus lived in a way that always corresponded to God’s righteousness and holiness—v. 24.
  - 3. We need to learn Christ and be taught in Him to live a life of reality—v. 20; 2 John 1; John 4:23-24.
  - 4. As a corporate person, a corporate God-man, the new man should live a life of reality, as the reality is in Jesus—a living that corresponds to the reality in Jesus—Eph. 4:21.
  - 5. If we live according to the spirit of our mind, we will have a daily living of the corporate new man—a living that corresponds to the reality in Jesus.