

**Alderwood Community Church**  
**January 8, 2017**

**New Clothes for a New You (Part 1)**  
**Colossians 3:5-17**

(Page 1167 or 1184 in chair Bibles)

1. New \_\_\_\_\_ . (3:5, 8, 9, 12; Romans 6:7,11-13)

2. New \_\_\_\_\_ to Make the Right Choice. (3:7, 9b-10a)

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” **2 Corinthians 5:17***

3. New \_\_\_\_\_ to Make the Right Choice. (3:10)

***The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make the Child of God more like the Son of God.***

A. Process: *“the new self, which is being renewed”*

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**Romans 12:2 (2 Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:16, 23)**

B. Power: “renewed in knowledge by the Spirit of God”

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

**Philippians 2:12-13**

C. Purpose: “in the image of its Creator”

“You were taught...to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” **Ephesians 4:24** (Romans 8:29)

4. New \_\_\_\_\_. (3:11-17) The behaviors, attitudes and values of followers of Christ

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Pastor Brad talked about the choices we make every day as followers of Christ. What truly guides or influences the daily choices you make?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read **Colossians 3:9-11**. Verses 9-10 make it clear that Christians have already taken off the old self and put on the new self. This happens when a person initially puts his/her faith in Jesus Christ. In **Romans 6**, Paul goes into more detail about how that works. Read **Romans 6:1–10**. On what basis are believers able to practice new behavior?

3. Read **Romans 6:11–14**. What must we now do because we have been united with Christ? What does that look like in practice?

4. **Colossians 3:10** describes our growth in Christ-likeness as a renewal process. How do the following verses help you understand what is involved in this renewal process:

**Romans 8:29**

**Romans 12:1-2**

**Colossians 3:16**

5. Pastor Brad made the statement: *“The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make the Child of God more like the Son of God.”* How much does God’s word influence the daily choices you make? What would it take for God’s word to be the predominant influence in your daily life? Be specific.