

# PUT OFF - PUT ON

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## INTRODUCTION

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### A. SPRING TIME:

1. That time of year when we bring out the new or different clothes and begin to dress for the warmer season.
2. On this particular day, the day the world calls Easter has been the traditional time to bring out the Spring clothes.

### B. A LONG DEBATE;

1. Do most people come out for religious reasons....
2. Or to display their new hat, dress, suit, etc.

### C. ALL GLAD OR APPRECIATE THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS.

1. Look forward to the world turning green.
2. Things began to grow, nature puts on quite a show.
3. We like to put off the cold days of winter and look forward to put on the warmer days of Spring and Summer.

### D. There is a Spiritual Application of Put Off - Put On found in Colossians 3.

1. There is that which we Put Off and leave behind.
  2. There is that which we Put On that describes our new life from this day forward.
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## Becomes A Christian

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### A. WHEN ONE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN HE PUTS OFF:

1. The Old Man Of Sin: (Rom. 6:6; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9).
2. Put Off the bondage to sin. (Rom. 6:6).
3. Former manner of life.

### B. PUTS OF SIN: It is Removed, Forgiven.

1. Acts 2:38.
2. Acts 22:16

### C. PUTS OFF SELF.

1. "It is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me." (Gal. 2:19-20).
2. "Let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lk. 9:23).
3. Christ become more important than self.

### D. How do we Put Off self so that we may be clothed in Christ.

1. When we surrender our self unto Christ.
  2. *'For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ'.* (Gal. 3:26,27).
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## AS A CHRISTIAN

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- A. John tells us: *"Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God."* (I John 3:9).
1. Cannot sin...
  2. Cannot practice or live in sin.
  3. Sin has been discarded and Put Off with the old man.
- B. Paul gives us a list of what must be put to death...Put Off in Col. 3:5ff.
1. *"Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience: wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things; but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings,"*
  2. Compare this to "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19ff).
- C. One cannot live in Christ - Be a Christian and still be clothed in and practice sin.
1. Impossible to be Old Man and New Man at the same time!
  2. "Cannot serve two masters" *"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."* (Matt. 6:24).
  3. *"His servant ye are whom ye obey. Whether of sin unto death, or obedience unto righteousness."* (Rom. 6:16).
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## SIN IS LIKE A DEMON

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- A. JUST TO PUT OFF SIN IS NOT ENOUGH.
1. Something must take its place.
  2. Cannot have an empty vacuum of a life.
- B. JESUS TAUGHT US:
1. *"But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not. Then he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when he is come he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first."* (Matt 12:43-45).
  2. What a terrible picture.
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## PUT ON

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A. Colossians 3:12: “Put On Therefore”...The language indicates that this is a command.

1. In today’s world, Christian living is often reduced to mild suggestions.
2. People still want to live their way and “die a saint”.

B. NOTICE WHAT THE SPIRIT THROUGH PAUL COMMANDS.

1. *“Put on therefore, as God’s elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.”* (Col. 3:12-14).
  2. Can you image being clothed in anything more beautiful, more appealing.
  3. This is the “New Man” that we are to become.
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## CONCLUSION

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A. HAVE YOU:

1. Put Off the Old Man.
2. Removed sin and sinfulness from your life.

B. HAVE YOU:

1. Put On the New man.
2. Eph. 4:19-22.

C. DO YOU NEED TO “CHANGE” YOUR SPIRITUAL APPAREL NOW?

1. PUT OFF....
  2. PUT ON
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