

Context

- 1] Paul writing to this small young church he has never visited
- 2] Sets out the reality
 - a) you died with Christ (2:20) / raised with Christ & seated with God (3:1)
 - b) you will appear with Him in glory (3:1)
- 3] Therefore (5,12)

Put off / to death (5-11)

- 1] Therefore put to death
I.e. because you have been raised with Christ (3:1)
Cf put to death (Matt 5:29-30; 18:8-9)
We can/ought to ruthlessly 'kill' our sinful temptations.
- 2] Your earthly nature – sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed/idolatry. (5)
Cf Galatians 5:19-21
- 3] Because of these the wrath of God is coming (6)
Nb Christ return in Glory and the day of judgement Cf Romans 1:18; 2:5
God is wrathful against man's evil
- 4] You used to walk in these ways in the life you once lived (7)
Nb you have been 'born again; (John 3:3)
- 5] But now, rid yourself of anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language (8)
Cf But now (1:22)
- 6] Do not lie/deceive/speak falsely since (9, 10)
Cf do not lie – ie speak the truth (Rom 9:1)
Don't lie to each other (ie pretend)
 - a) you have taken off your old self with its practices (9)
 - b) you have put on new self (10)
 - 1) being renewed
 - 2) in knowledge in the image of its creator
Cf Genesis 1:26
GRACE God is renewing us in His image
- 6] Here (11)
I.e. seated with Christ at the right hand of God (3:1; Eph 2:6)
 - a) no Greek//Jew, circumcised/unc, Barbarian, Scythian, slave/free
cf neither Jew nor Greek – all one (Gal 3:28)
 - b) Christ is all, and in all
cf God, creator, sustainer, head (1:15-19)
JESUS Christ is everything we need and everything we have

Put on / clothe yourself (12-14)

- 1] As God's chosen people (12a)
 - a) chosen
cf (1 Peter 1:1; 2:4)
 - b) holy
cf Holy one (Jn6:69; Acts 4:27)
- b) dearly loved

cf Deuteronomy 7:6; like Jesus (Mt. 3:17; Eph 1:6)

2] Clothe yourself with - Compassion, Kindness, Humility, gentleness, patience (12b)

Cf fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) Humility (Phil 2:5-11)

Treat one another well

3] Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another (13)

4] Forgive as the Lord forgave you (13b)

Cf forgive (Luke 11:4) as he forgave you (Matt 18:23-25)

GRACE The Lord forgave us

Forgive one another

5] Put on love (14)

a) over all these

nb love is supreme (1 Cor 13)

b) that binds these together as love

cf unity in love (Ephesians 4: 2f)

* Love one another*

The aim (15-17)

1] Let the peace of Christ (15)

a) rule in your hearts since

1) as members of one body

Cf One body = the church (1:18; 2:19)

2) you were called to peace

Cf Peace be with you (John 20:19); Peace (Philippians 4:7)

Let God do His work - in You in bringing peace etc

b) be thankful]

cf (1 Thess 5:18)

* Be thankful to Him – ‘count your blessings name them one by one’

2] Let Word of Christ dwell in you richly (16)

a) Teaching, admonishing etc (like Paul) (1:28)

Cf Christ is Wisdom of God (2:3)

Submit to and share His Word together

b) sing Psalms hymns and spiritual songs

Cf hymns (Matt 26:30; Mark 14:26)

God is worthy of our praise

* The Peace/Word of Christ is intended to be part of us / in us*

3] In all you do ...

a) do it in the name of the Lord Jesus

Nb So just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord..... (2:6) (completes section)

Do everything for Jesus / in His power.

b) giving thanks to God through Him (17)

God is worthy of our thanksgiving

Offer our thanks to God through Jesus.

Main Point Put to death the old man and put on the new man with Jesus, for Jesus and through Jesus expressing thanks to God.

Key verse “And whatever you do, whether in Word or in deed, do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (17)