

HOW BELIEVERS IN JESUS CONTROL SIN & DO GOOD

We Must Put Off & Put On

8We died on the cross with Jesus. 6Our Old Self* was a slave to Sin – but our Old Self* was put on the cross with Jesus. So, now, we are not Sin's slaves. 7Why? Because we have died – our Old Self* died with Jesus. So we are free from Sin – 14now Sin is not our slave master. Romans 6:6-7, 14

So...

Put off your Old Self*. Put on your New Self. Ephesians 4:22, 24

Put Off Your Old Self*: Ephesians 4:25-31 & 5:3-4, 12, 18

25Put off telling lies – and speak the truth to each other – because we belong to each other.

Why is it important to tell the truth?

If we lie to each other, what happens to our relationships?

26When you get angry, don't sin – then when the sun sets, stop being angry. 27Don't give Satan a place in your life.

When is it okay to get angry? What do you think?

When should we stop being angry?

Why is it dangerous to continue being angry?

28Are you stealing? Then stop stealing – and work – do something useful, so you can give things to people who need help.

Of course, we work to take care of ourselves and our families?

Why else should we work?

29Don't say rotten things – but only say what is good for other people – say the things that help people grow.

What is the main purpose of talking to people?

30*Don't make God's Holy Spirit sad and upset – because the Holy Spirit guarantees that you will be saved when Jesus comes back!*

Does God have feelings?

What important thing does the Holy Spirit do for us?

31*Throw away your bitter feelings, your anger, your arguing and complaining, the negative things you say about other people, and everything that is bad.*

Is how we think about people important? Why?

5:3*In your group, don't have any greed.*

Why do you think God hates greed?

5:3*In your group, don't have any sexual sin, any dirty thoughts, words or actions – these things are not right for God's pure people. ⁴Have no stupid talk or dirty jokes – that is not right for God's people. But tell God what you are thankful for. ¹²It is shameful to even talk about the bad, secret things that unbelievers do.*

18*Don't get drunk on alcohol – because terrible things come from being drunk – but be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

What should not control us?
What should control us?

Put On Your New Self:

What should we put on?

8*Before you believed in Jesus Christ, you were darkness – but now you are light – light in Christ. ¹⁰So learn what makes Christ happy.*

Ephesians 5:8, 10

What big change happens, when we believe in Jesus?

How can we learn what makes God happy? What do you think?

4:32*Be kind and loving to each other – and forgive each other – because God forgave you. ^{5:1}You are God's children and he loves you very much – so be like God. ²So be full of love, like Christ loved us and died for us.*

Ephesians 4:32 & 5:1-2

Why does God want us to love and forgive others?

2Be completely humble – be completely gentle – be patient with each other, and put up with each other. 3Try hard to keep the unity we receive from God’s Spirit – let peace tie us together.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Why are quiet attitudes important?

Where does our unity come from?

Do we make our unity, or does God give us our unity?

16Always be joyful in Christ – 17pray always – 18thank God in every situation – God wants you to do this, because you are in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What is the main attitude God wants us to have?

Why can we always be joyful and thankful?

15Be very careful how you live – don’t live foolishly, but live wisely – 16and use every opportunity to make up for the evil days we live in. 17So don’t be foolish, but understand what God wants you to do.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Why should we be careful about how we live?

How do you think we can we make up for the evil days we live in?

What do we need to think about?

Always have a passionate spirit – serving Christ with all your heart.

Romans 12:11

Jesus said, “Tell people about me in Jerusalem [your home town], in all of Judea [your country], in all of Samaria [the next country], and in the whole world.

Acts 1:8

What big job did Jesus give us?

* “Old Self” is used here because it is easier to understand. In Greek (the New Testament’s language) the word is: “flesh” – which does not mean our physical bodies, but (apparently) is everything in us and about us that opposes God, and cannot and will not make God happy.