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God's Method

Colossians 3:1-17

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Genesis 3:6-7

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Genesis 3:21

Is there a process of-taking off and putting on-of something?

Open you Bibles to Colossians 3:1-17.

What do you see?

What is the context?

Chapters 1&2 are all about "What Christ has done".

Chapters 3&4 are all about "How Christians could live".

What is God's Method here?

I. Your Heart set and Mind set

Where would I start?

You start with your Heart.

God's method starts from the INSIDE and works its way UP and then OUT.

We love and pursue God as a driving goal and passion for our life.

We learn to love the Heavenly things more than the earthly things.

II. We Grow from Death to Life

Is this a normal pattern of life for plants?

Is this a normal pattern of life for people?

Because I am in love with Jesus and because of His death to sin and His new resurrection life,

I want to identify with Christ in my death to the old way of life I used to live.

How does one reckon something to be dead?

III. The Old is out and New is in!

Let's look at verses 12-17.

What do you see?

These are the "new clothes" we put on.

A. We imitate Christ's compassionate forgiving attitude. 12-13

B. We let love guide our life.

C. We let the peace of Christ rule in our lives. 15

D. We are always thankful.

E. We keep God's word in us.16

F. We live as Christ's representatives. 17

Conclusions:

What impressions do people have when they see you and talk with you?

What changes would you make in your life in order to honor Christ?