

When Life Needs A Refresh

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I have always found an appreciation for things that are new. Some people are not inclined to change, but I'm one who is seemingly always excited for opportunities of transition. Whether that means change in getting a new phone, a new car, a new piece of furniture, or a new experience. Typically, something that is new is a replacement for that which is old and worn out.

Paul speaks of several "new" opportunities Christians have when they embrace the life of a Christian. As stated previously, this new life is something that ought to completely replace that which is old and broken.

A New Way of Thinking (Col. 3:1-4) – In context, both before and after Col. 3:1-4, Paul is speaking of how the things of the world often lead to legalism and/or sin. We no longer have to be concerned with what man tells us, rather we look to what God instructs us. By being solely focused on such a thought, we allow our minds to reside in heavenly places.

A New Way of Living (Col. 3:5-17) – In 3:5 and 3:8, Paul tells these Christians they are to "put to death" and "put away" the things that sinfully entangle a Christian. These sins are both personal and relational in nature. A faithful Christian ought to have no business in such activities, and should instead "put on" what Christ has demonstrated; compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing one another, forgiving one another, and above all, put on love (3:12-14).

A New Way of Interacting (Col. 3:18-4:6) – The great thing about Christianity is its limits of impact are not bound to only an individual basis, but spread even to how we interact with others. Wives, husbands, children, fathers, workers, and bosses are all to demonstrate Christ in how they interact with one another.

A New Way of Working (Col. 4:7-18) – As Paul writes this letter in prison he is mindful and grateful for those who partner with him in his work of spreading the gospel. Kingdom work cannot fall on one or two individuals within a community; it takes the citizens of such Kingdom to be effective in their efforts.

We can usually tell when something begins to show its age. Cars get slower or need more repairs, phones start to glitch, furniture starts to fall apart and need reupholstered, etc. It's an indicator that we need to exchange those things for something new. Likewise, when our life starts to need repairs, our relationships seem to need more care and attention, and our priorities start to wear us down, it is an indicator that we have replaced that new Christian life and brought out the old man again. Seek to encourage self and others to embrace the newness found in Christ.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Cindy Rooker has a lot of health struggles.
- Lesa Manzella, friend of Debbie, has an upcoming surgery
- Yvonne Cicero's great aunt Nell Tomlin is starting radiation for cancer.
- Bridgett Hobson friend of Juanita, her brain tumor is back.
- Kandi Smith has Pneumonia
- Leisa Duncan and recovery from surgery
- Ms. Media and her recovery
- Sarah Martin, Heather's Mom, recovery from knee surgery
- Ladon Bracken, friend of Ramays, diagnosed with bone cancer
- Marilynn Shackelford health struggles
- Corah Kinard 3 year old with significant health struggles
- RICK HAYES, friend of Doug Milligan, has medical issue and in need of prayers.
- SHANE ACKER'S DAD still in hospital with a stomach abscess
- SIBLING OF DONNA DAILEY'S grandchild has kidney cancer and treatment is starting
- KEN AND BETTY RAMAY and health struggles (He is bleeding again)
- TOM NOLAN and his health
- APRIL HOWTON, friend of Bethany, was diagnosed with Breast cancer
- RHONDA HOLISTER is a member at Central and was diagnosed with cancer
- SHIRLENE CARGILE, friend of Barry, her cancer has come back
- JESS, Ruth Edward's DIL, her recovery from back surgery
- RONNIE HOWARD and his recovery from open heart surgery
- KENZI SWINDLE, 6 years old, is fighting cancer and broke her leg
- BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER and all of health issues

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 69

Worship P.M. 38

Wed P.M.35

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$4,061.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

