

1. Tonight we will continue our study of the Book of Colossians at verse nine of chapter three. Last week I taught in part Col 3:9.
2. Before we resume the exegesis of verse nine, you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. Now that the decks have been cleared for action, let's look at an expanded translation of Col 3:5-8.

Ethical Imperatives:

Col 3:5 Therefore we must put to death the facets of our old sin natures, such temptations, will, if we let them, dominate our thoughts and actions in time; we can only put to death such facets by the use of the two power options. In our immediate context, the specific facets to be destroyed are: illicit sex, be it fornication or adultery, homosexuality and/or bestiality, sexual lust or abnormal passion, licentious desires and the use of illicit sexual lust as part of ones frantic search for happiness. The nature of which can certainly lead to demon possession/control;

Col 3:6 because of the existence of these abominable things in the life of many in the Lycus Valley, divine discipline will soon come;

Col 3:7 in the sphere of which such things you once walked, even when at length you once lived in them;

Col 3:8 but now that you are a Christian with access to the teaching ministry of God the Holy Spirit, you must rid yourselves of the coming divine discipline by putting off: anger as a display of indignation, wrath as a display of rage, emotional turbulence leading to acts of evil, the maligning of others, filthy and obscene speech;

4. How do we put off all these abominable practices? by the consistent use of the two power options. Clearly these sins were pervading the Lycus Valley where Hierapolis, Laodicea and Colossae were located. Just as clearly we see them abounding in our country today.

5. The sins warned against in our ethical imperatives are all products of our old sin natures. Keep in mind however that the old sin nature only tempts, we must choose to yield.

5.1 Peter in his second epistle made clear how to avoid old sin nature control.

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

6. This is the only way we can avoid the absolute control of our old sin natures.

7. So far we have translated that portion of verse nine which in the KJV has been rendered "*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man, ...* noting it might better be translated "**stop lying to one another; after all, the old man has been disarmed ...**"

8. The entire verse has been translated.

KJV-Sentence Continues

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

9. In verse nine Paul lists lying as another ethical imperative to resist.

10. **Pseudo** the verb translated "Lie" signifies "to deceive by lies" (always in the middle voice in the NT). **Pseudo** with the soft negative adverb **Me** is better "stop lying."

11. Next follows the prepositional phrase **Eis Allelos** which is well translated "one to another ..." or "to one another ..."

SEEING THAT YE HAVE PUT OFF **ΑΠΕΚΔΥΩ**

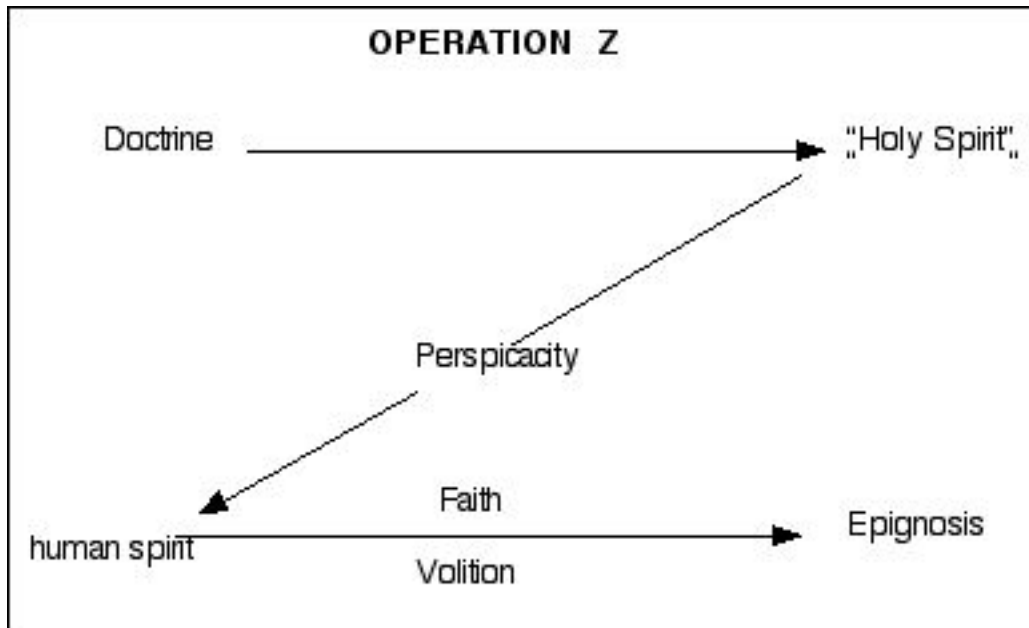
1. **Apekduo** is better "seeing that you have disarmed ..."

2. **Apekduo** means "to strip off clothes or weapons." It is used in the middle voice in Col 2:15 and our verse Col 3:9.

3. In the RV it is translated "having put off from Himself (i.e. the principalities and the powers)."

3.1 Lightfoot in his exposition of Col 2:15 writes, "There is no doubt that Satan and his hosts gathered together to attack Christ, while He was enduring, in propitiatory sacrifice, the judgment due each of us. There is an intimation of this in Psa 22:21 where Christ says: "Save Me from the lion's mouth; yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen." (for the obvious context, compare Psa 22:12-18 with 22:21)

3.2 Doubtless the powers of darkness gathered against the Lord at that time, fiercely assaulting Him to the utmost of their power. He Himself had said, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness" (Luk 22:53-54).



$$F + HIQ = SIQ + Z = PPG$$

3.3 This word **Apekduo** according to Vines, Lightfoot and Arnt and Gingrich has several meanings: Vines writes, "to strip off clothes or arms." Wuest writes, "to put off." Arnt and Gingrich writes, "to take off, to strip off clothes, to disarm."

4. Col. R. B. Thieme has done an outstanding word study of **Apekduo**. He points out how the word was used to describe the procedure followed when Rome conquered a province. The soldiers of the defeated enemy were publicly paraded along with the many captured slaves through the city of Rome.

4.1 They were humiliated as losers, men who had failed to protect their women and children. Thus they were stripped, often of their clothing, and always their weapons.

4.2 After the parade through Rome the long line of men and women were led to the slave block where they were sold to the highest bidder. Thus will Satan and his fallen angels be humiliated and cast into the Lake of Fire.

5. Clearly in our context the spoiling or disarming refers to that "putting off" of the absolute control of our old sin natures. This spoiling can only occur when we consistently use our two power options. At faith in Christ the old sin nature was disarmed but only to the extent we no longer are under its control.

5.1 In time however the disarming can only be brought to fruition by the consistent use of the two power options.

6. That which is spoiled is called in our verse "the old man."

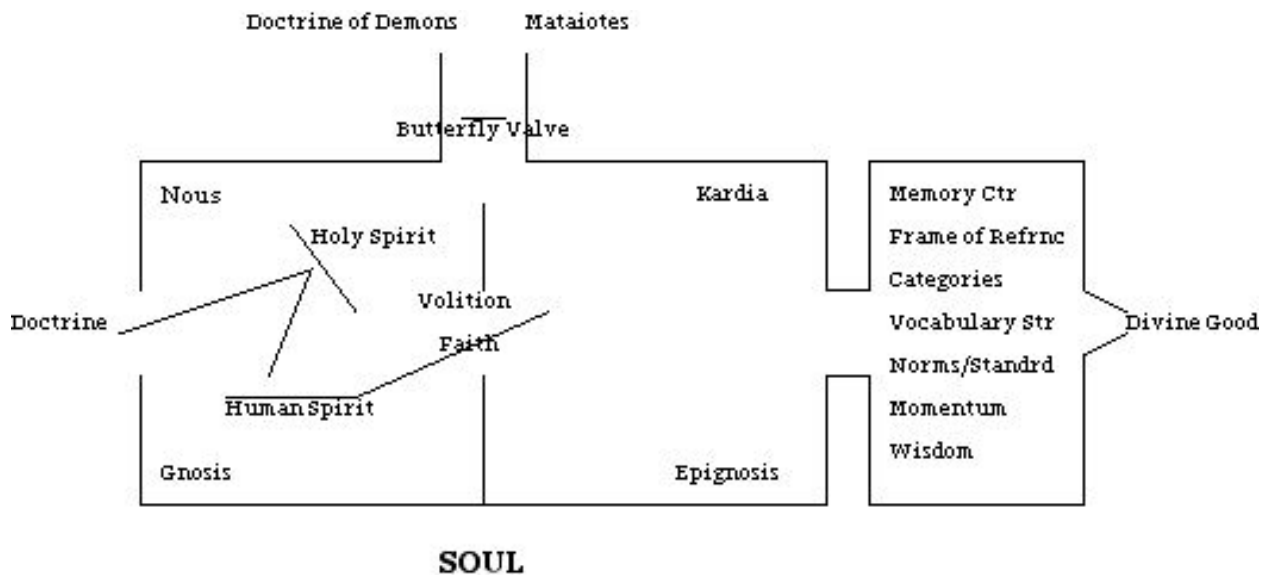
THE OLD MAN ο παλαιος ανθρωπος

1. **Ho Palaios Anthropos** is well translated "the old man ..." or "unregenerated man ..."

2. The Colossian believers, like many saints today, had carried over into the new life, the sin of lying. Paul orders them to stop lying because they now have the potential for putting off the old man with his abominable practices. Clearly there is a message for all of us.

3. We will study more later about the disarming which takes place when we use the assets God has provided.

3.1 Our Operation Z chart illustrates the technique for using the two power options as problem solving devices.



3.2 F = The filling of the Spirit which occurs when we use rebound

3.3 HIQ = Our human intelligent quotients

3.4 SIQ = Our spiritual intelligent quotients thus providing the capability to understand doctrine; now we have no excuse

3.5 Z is that which occurs when a believer who is confessed up receives Bible doctrine into his/her soul and the Holy Spirit makes perspicuous to his/her human spirit; we can then decide to accept the doctrine

3.6 PPG = the protocol plan of God - it is God's plan we accumulate epignosis doctrine in our soul; epignosis can then be used to produce divine good

4. **Palaios** means, "that which is of long duration" or "old in years."

4.1 It is used of an old garment in Mat 9:16.

4.2 It is used of wine being poured into old wine skins in Mat 9:17.

4.3 **Palaios** denotes old, without a reference to an origin; whereas the noun **Archaios** in the papyri virtually always describes a "beginning." Joh 1:1

4.4 Trench writes "That which ... is old in the sense of more or less worn out ... is always **Palaios**."

4.5 The verb form of **Palaios** is **Palaioo**. In the active voice it means "to make or declare old" and in the passive voice it means "to become old."

5. **Anthropos** is used variously of mankind in general, regenerate man, unregenerate man, man in contrast to animals, man in distinction of God, of the inward woman, of the spiritual man, etc. Joh 2:25; Gal 1:11-12; Luk 5:10-11; 1Ti 6:16; 1Pe 3:4, 2Ti 3:17-18.

6. Let's see what we have so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Col 3:9 stop lying to one another; after all, the old man has been disarmed ..."

7. We put on the new man positionally when we were saved. We became positionally secure in the top circle. But that battle for temporal salvation has just begun. The Schematic of the Soul chart well describes the process.

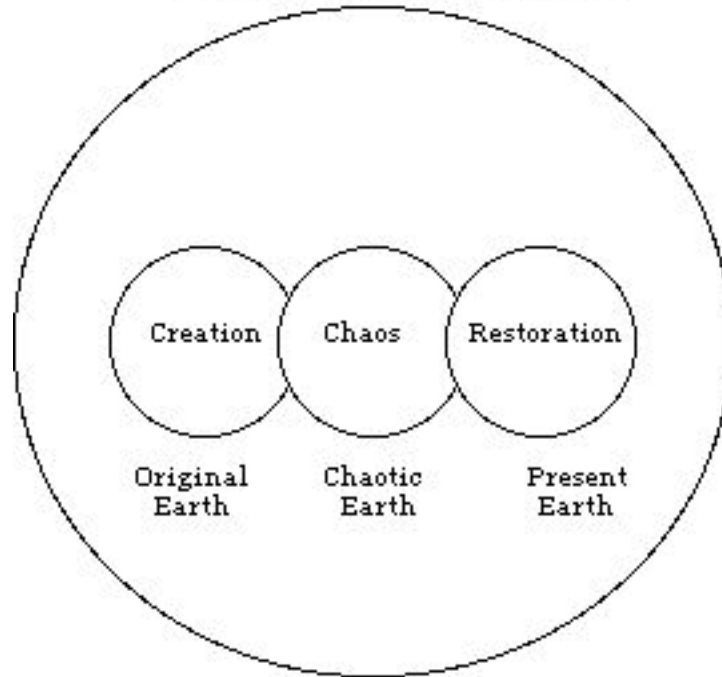
8. Lightfoot writes: "The spiritual man in each believer's heart, like the primal man in the beginning of the world was created after God's image. The new creation in this respect resembles the first creation."

9. We must now fight moment by moment against the forces of evil resident in every cell of our body. The subsequent life of a believer must be a gradual manifestation of the positional image stamped on every saint as a picture of what we can be if we so choose.

10. Divine good is the ultimate product that glorifies God.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness **for his name's sake**.

CREATION OF THE EARTH



11. The heavens and the earth were first created perfect. They became chaotic. This demanded God's restoration. Let's compare Gen 1:1-2 with Isa 45:18.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created (**Bara**) the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was (**Hayah**) without form (**Tohu**), and void (**Bohu**); and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created (**Bara**) the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created (**Bara**) it not in vain (**Tohu**), he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

12. As we will see in the next verse our new man is to be renewed in knowledge after the image of Christ who created him. Lightfoot says: "Which is ever being renewed unto perfect knowledge, the true knowledge in Christ as opposed to the false knowledge of the heretical teachers."

13. Regarding the reference to "the image of Him that created him." Lightfoot goes on to write "This reference however does not imply an identity of the creation here mentioned with the creation of Genesis, but only an analogy between the two. The analogy: the believer becomes positionally perfect, but he retains a chaotic nature requiring a transforming restoration.

14. Now for the phrase "with his deeds."

WITH HIS DEEDS; **σὺν** **ὁ** **πραξις** **αὐτοῦ**

1. **Sun Ho Praxis Autos** is better "together with his evil practices ..."
2. **Sun** is a preposition followed by the monadic noun **Praxis** declined as dative plural; next follows the 3rd person pronoun **Autos** declined as a genitive singular.
3. **Praxis** denotes "a doing, a transaction, a deed, the action of which is looked upon as incomplete and in progress." **Prasso** is the verb form of **Praxis** meaning "to practice."
- 3.1 The noun **Praxis** is translated "deeds, works, office" or "function." Several uses elsewhere in the New Testament are:

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his "**works**."

Mat 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Luk 23:50 And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just:

Luk 23:51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and "**deed**" of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

Seven Sons of Sceva

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Acts 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their "**deeds**."

Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same "**office**:" (function in the NIV)

4. Now let's see how our entire verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Col 3:9 stop lying to one another; after all, the old man has been disarmed together with his evil practices,

5. We will see in Col 3:10 a description of a new race of people called Christians, who, though positionally perfect, are in the process of being renewed in time by means of knowledge.

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