

A Study in: "THE NEW MAN" ...for the technically inclined.



Ephesians 4:24:

Put on the new man which after God has been created in righteousness and true holiness.

In this study we are going to look into the Greek words, some commentaries and different versions of this scripture. The New Man is a pneuma man and this is a study in pneumatology: the knowledge of the spiritual realm and its operations. This subject is the theme of this web site.

At the end you will find my comments on various words and thoughts that I have highlighted throughout this study.

Being a Father-pleaser:

Why is this verse important to you? It is a mirror of who you really are in your inner man as someone who has been born again. Studying deeply in these truths will result in your mind being renewed. A renewed mind helps you to 'put on' the new man as this scripture instructs you to do. Putting on the new man is for your benefit. The New Man is Christ in you. You will be a Father pleaser as you put on Christ. Isn't that your heart's desire?

Let's get started.

New

"The new things that the Gospel brings are:

a new covenant, [Matthew 26:28](#);

a new commandment, [John 13:34](#);

a new creative act, [Galatians 6:15](#);

a new creation, [2 Corinthians 5:17](#);

a new man, i.e., a new character of manhood, spiritual and moral, after the pattern of Christ, [Ephesians 4:24](#);

a new man, i.e., 'the Church which is His (Christ's) body,' [Ephesians 2:15](#).

Outline of Biblical Usage

1. new

1. as respects **form**

1. recently made, fresh, recent, unused, unworn

2. as respects **substance**

1. of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of

Man Gk. anthropos

- in the phrase "the inward man," the **regenerate** person's spiritual nature is personified, the inner self of the believer, [Romans 7:22](#), as approving of the law of God;
- in [Ephesians 3:16](#), as the **sphere** of the **renewing** power of the Holy Spirit;
- in [2Corinthians 4:16](#) (where *anthropos* is not repeated), in contrast to "the outward man," the physical frame, the "man" as cognizable by the senses;
- the "inward" man is identical with "the hidden man of the heart," [1 Peter 3:4](#).

In the expressions:

"the old man," "the **new** man," *which are confined to Paul's Epistles*,

- the former standing for the unregenerate nature personified as the former self of a believer, which, having been crucified with Christ, [Romans 6:6](#), and whose behaviors are to be "put off," [Ephesians 4:22](#); [Colossians 3:9](#);
- the latter, "the **new** man," standing for the **new** nature personified as the believer's **regenerate self**, a nature "created in righteousness and holiness of truth," [Ephesians 4:24](#), and having been "put on" at regeneration, [Colossians 3:10](#); being "renewed after the image of Him that created him," it is to be "put on" in practical, everyday life.

Created

Outline of Biblical Usage

1. of God creating the worlds
2. to form, shape, i.e. **to completely change or transform**

Vines:

Create, Creation, Creator, Creature:

- used among the Greeks to mean the founding of a place, a city or colony, signifies, in Scripture, "to create," always of the act of God, whether

(a) in the natural creation, [Mark 13:19](#); [Romans 1:25](#) or

(b) in the **spiritual** creation, [Ephesians 2:10, 15](#); [4:24](#); [Colossians 3:10](#).

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Spiritual Man: (ho **pneumatikos**):

In distinction from the natural, the unrenewed man ([1Corinthians 2:15](#)); this is the man in whom the Holy Spirit dwells and rules.

This **divine indwelling** insures:

- **mental illumination:** "He that is spiritual discerneth (or interpreteth) all things";
- **moral renewal:** "a new creature" ([2Corinthians 5:17](#)); "a new man" ([Ephesians 4:24](#));
- **spiritual endowment:** "Ye shall receive power" ([Acts 1:8](#)).

Jamieson, Fausett & Brown:

Vs. 23. be renewed--The *Greek* (*ananeousthai*) implies "*the continued renewal in the youth of the new man.*"

Vs. 24. put on the new man--Opposed to "the old man," which is to be "put off" ([Ephesians 4:22](#)). The *Greek* here (*kainon*) is different from that for "re-new-ed" ([Eph 4:23](#)). Put on **not merely a renovated nature, but a new, that is, altogether different nature, a changed nature.**

after God, "Which hath been created (once for all: so the *Greek* aorist means: in Christ, [Ephesians 2:10](#); so that in each believer in Christ has not to be created again and again, but to

be put on) after (the image of) God" ([Genesis 1:27](#) [Col 3:10](#) [1Peter 1:15](#)). God's image in which the first Adam was originally created, is restored, to us **far more gloriously in the second Adam, the image of the invisible God** ([2Corinthians 4:4](#) [Colossians 1:15](#) [Hebrews 1:3](#)).

in righteousness--"IN" it as **the element** of the renewed man.

true holiness--rather, as the *Greek*, "holiness of the truth"; **holiness** flowing from sincere following of "the truth of God" ([Rom 1:25](#) [3:7](#) [15:8](#))

JFB: Colossians 3:9-11

Lie not to one another seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: where there is neither greek nor jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, scythian, bond nor free but Christ is all and in all.

Vs. 9. ([Ephesians 4:25](#).)

put off--*Greek*, "wholly put off"; utterly renounced [TITTMANN]. ([Ephesians 4:22](#)).

the old man--the unregenerate nature which ye had before conversion.

his deeds--habits of acting.

10. the new man--(See on JF & B for [Ephesians 4:23](#)). Here (*neon*) the *Greek*, means "the recently-put-on nature"; that lately received at regeneration (see on JF&B above for [Ephesians 4:23, 24](#)).

which is renewed--*Greek*, "which is being renewed" (*anakainottmenou*); namely, its development into a perfectly renewed nature is continually progressing to completion.

in knowledge--rather as the *Greek*, "unto perfect knowledge" (see on JF & B for [Colossians 1:6](#); JF & B for [Colossians 1:9, 10](#)). Perfect knowledge of God excludes all sin ([John 17:3](#)).

after the image of him that created him--namely, of God that created the *new man* ([Ephesians 2:10](#) [4:24](#)). The new creation is analogous to the first creation ([2 Corinthians 4:6](#)). As man was then made in the image of God naturally, so now spiritually. **But the image of God formed in us by the Spirit of God, is as much more glorious than that borne by Adam, as the Second Man, the Lord from heaven, is more glorious than the first man**

11. Where--Translate, "Wherein," namely, **in the sphere of the renewed man.**

neither . . . nor . . . nor . . . nor--Translate as *Greek*, "There is *no such thing as* Greek and Jew (the **difference of privilege** between those born of the natural seed of Abraham and those not, is abolished), circumcision *and* uncircumcision (the **difference of legal standing** between the circumcised and uncircumcised is done away, [Galatians 6:15](#)) --bondman, freeman." The present Church is one **called out of the flesh**, and the present *world-course* ([Ephesians 2:2](#)), wherein such distinctions exist, **to life in the Spirit**, and to the future first resurrection: and this because Satan has such power now over the flesh and the world. Israel in Canaan was a type of

that future state when the Jews, so miraculously preserved distinct now in their dispersion, shall be the central Church of the Christianized world. As expressly as Scripture abolishes the distinction of Jew and Greek now as to religious privileges, so does it expressly foretell that in the coming new order of things, Israel shall be first of the Christian nations, not for her own selfish aggrandizement, but for their good, as the medium of blessing to them. Finally, after the millennium, the life that is in Christ becomes the power which transfigures *nature*, in the time of the new heaven and the new earth; as, before, it first transfigured the spiritual, then the political and social world.

Scythian--heretofore regarded as more barbarian than the barbarians. Though the relation of bond and free actually existed, yet **in relation to Christ, all alike were free** in one aspect, and **servants of Christ in another** ([1Corinthians 7:22](#) [Galatians 3:28](#)).

Christ is all--Christ absorbs in Himself all distinctions, being to all alike, everything that they need for justification, sanctification, and glorification ([1Corinthians 1:30](#) [3:21-23](#); [Galatians 2:20](#)).

in all--who believe and are renewed, without distinction of person; the sole distinction now is, how much each draws from Christ. The unity of **the divine life shared in by all believers, counterbalances all differences**, even as great as that between the polished "*Greek*" and the rude "Scythian." Christianity imparts to the most uncivilized the only spring of sound, social and moral culture.



Translations: Ephesians 4:24

Put on your new nature, created to be like God - truly righteous and holy. (New Living)

Put on the new self. (English Standard)

Put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. New American Standard

Clothe yourself with the new nature, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness. International Standard.

Put on the new man, which is created in conformity to God in righteousness and in the holiness of the truth. Jubilee Bible 2000

Put on that new and better self which has been created to resemble God in the righteousness and holiness which come from the truth. Weymouth

Put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness. Amplified

...the New Man, the one created God-like in righteousness and holiness. Fenton

Discover new ways of expressing your new, unique personhood in Christ, ways which are in harmony with who you really are. Johnson

Put on the new person that you are. Adams

You must clothe yourselves in the new humanity that has been created in God's image, in a state of righteousness and holiness born of the Truth. Way

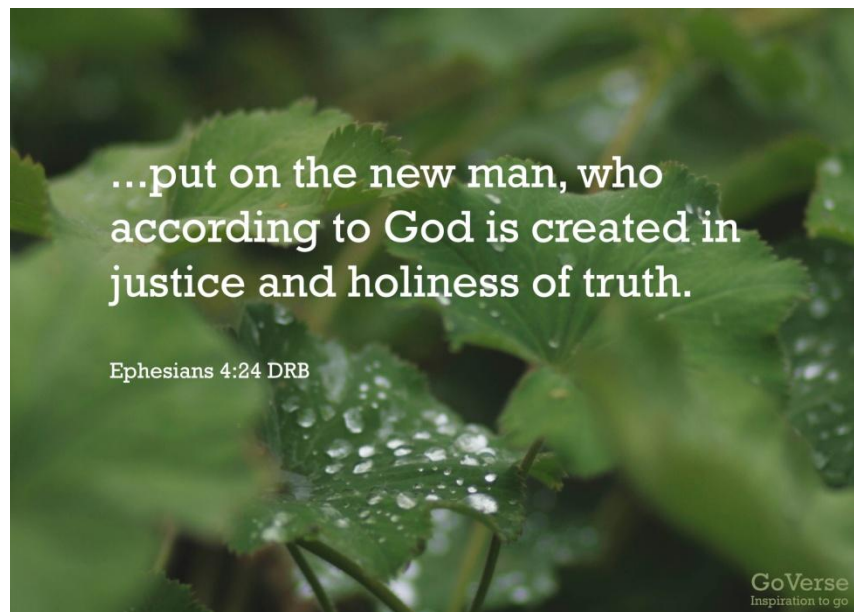
You must put on the fresh dress of your new nature. Laubach

Put on the new man, to which God has given life. Basic English

The new man who has been created in harmony with God. Godbey

...created according to the will of God. HT Anderson

Above all, the new life is the real life, the life that is life indeed. Carpenter



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Digging a little deeper: another look at some highlighted statements

(my comments will be in italics)

New:

Form: recently made, fresh

If you have been recently saved, then the new man inside has been 'recently made'.

Fresh: No matter how long you have been a new man in Christ, 'freshness' is the state of his being. Be being filled, Ephesians 5. I will put within you a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. An artesian well, constantly springing. His mercies are new every morning.

What is in your inner man, your new creation is never stale. With joy draw water from your well of salvation.

Substance: new kind, unprecedented, uncommon, unheard of

The 'new man' is totally new in substance. And that substance is 'Zoe', the very life and nature of God. The 'new man' is new in kind: there has never been seen anything like him by any angel, devil, etc. The 'new man' is uncommon: he is different in kind than the natural human spirit received by the First Adam. The 'new man' is unheard of: prior to the first 'new birth' after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, no eye had seen, no ear had heard, neither had entered into the heart of man this New Man that God had prepared for those who love Him.

Man:

inward: regenerate person's spiritual nature; the sphere of the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

The sphere of the renewing power of the Holy Spirit: a sphere is a 'world' in this definition, the Kingdom of God. In your new man is a whole new world and that world is filled with the atmosphere that permeates heaven. The renewing power of the Holy Spirit. This expresses another dimension of the word, 'fresh' above to describe the new man's creation. Spend time meditating on the fact you have 'another world' living on the inside of you. A world filled with the renewing power of the Holy Spirit for He is the very atmosphere of that world. And that atmosphere is filled with all He is.

'Old man' and 'new man': these statements are confined to Paul's epistles.

These two statements and the attached commentary stress the importance of knowing 'Paul's Gospel'. The things written in Paul's letters to the churches, contain the revelation of the 'mystery' hidden from the foundations of the world. Revelations of God's plan for a 2nd Adam. A very wise minister said: "If you want to grow up spiritually, you must feed on Paul's letters."

Unregenerate nature: the former self

The new man: the new nature; the new self

I would like for you to note the word 'self' in these two phrases. In the context it is referring to the spirit on the inside of your body. The former self was actually Satan's nature. The new self is actually God's nature. I would like to add that 'self' can also refer to your personality which lies in your soul, making you uniquely who you are. The personality doesn't change at salvation/new birth, but it must be renewed by the putting on of the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. Determine by the context of a writing which 'self' is being spoken of, this will help you 'rightly divide' the content.

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Spiritual man: ho pneumatikos (Gk)

The man in whom the Holy Spirit dwells and rules giving illumination, moral renewal, spiritual enduement.

The three things given here that the Holy Spirit imparts to believers helps you to 'keep yourself' so that the wicked one does not touch you. God's Wisdom is yours as often as you draw upon it. A revealing to you of God and the things of God are given to you for you have 'not the spirit of the world but the Spirit which is of God'. Moral renewal will help you to choose according to righteousness, the righteousness in which your new man was created.

JFB:

Be renewed: the continual renewal in the youth of the new man

Paul said, 'the outward man perishes but the inward man is renewed day by day', 2 Corinthians 4:16. The aging process overtakes the body but if you can be spiritually minded and keep the connection with your inner man quickened, you will diminish the affect of the aging process on the body and soul. The new creation doesn't age and lives in a state of youth. Really look at this statement: "the continual renewal in the youth of the new man". And ask: what are the implications practically of such a statement?

Put on the new man: not merely a renovated nature, but a new, altogether different and changed nature.

After God: far more gloriously in the second Adam, the image of the invisible God.

"The second Adam, the image of the invisible God": this can be further defined by Galatians 2:20: "It is no longer I that lives but Christ that lives in me". In actuality, the new man IS CHRIST in you by His Spirit: 'Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is not his', Romans 8:9.

Those IN Christ have His Spirit through which Christ is IN them. The Second Adam, from who race you have been born (or reborn) is God-in-the-flesh. 'I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be My people'. Christ IN you, the hope of Glory.

In righteousness: "IN" the element of the renewed man is righteousness.

Christ is righteous. Christ is in you. Christ brought His righteousness when He came to live in you. His righteousness is now your righteousness. You were made righteous when you were born again. Righteousness is an attribute of Zoe, the nature of God, the life of God. This is true in the spirit man, the real you. Remember, our study is in pneumatology: the study of spirit.

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Colossians 3:9-11

⁹Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,
¹⁰and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him -
¹¹a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all and in all.

(NASB)

Colossians 3:9-11:

Put off the old man: renounce the unregenerate habits

Religion teaches that you must live with two natures: the sin nature and the righteous nature. Ephesians 4:24 says you are to 'put on the new man' that has already been created in you when you were born again. In the new birth, Sin as a nature is 'put off' by the operation of the Spirit of God. Paul called this 'putting off of the Sin nature', the circumcision of the heart, made in the spirit by the Spirit.

Put on the new man renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: the recently-put-on-nature and the understanding of that nature which excludes all sin. The image

of God formed in us by the Spirit of God, is as much more glorious than that borne by Adam, as the Second Man, the Lord from heaven, is more glorious than the first man.

Note the statement: 'the understanding of that nature'. Paul, in his letters, includes 165 specific things that are in this new nature that the believer possesses. These things can be found by looking for the propositions, such as: in Christ, through Christ, in the Beloved, etc. Some may think that searching for and learning these things is focusing on 'self' too much. But it is no longer you that lives. The more you know the things, the greater praise, worship, love and service you will want to give Him Who loved you and gave Himself for you. You notice also the focus again on the fact that the image/nature given us in the new birth is more glorious than the first Adam. How we should marvel at the wisdom of our God.

Where there is neither Jew, Greek, circumcision, uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond, free, but Christ is all and in all: privilege of birth and legal standing is done away with. The Church is 'called out of the flesh' into 'life in the Spirit'. Christ absorbs all distinctions and is everything we need for: 1) justification; 2) sanctification; 3) glorification.

The divine Life shared in by all believers counterbalances all differences.

Called out of the flesh and into life in the Spirit: learning pneumatology. We have learned biology quite well: the life in the flesh. Now, study to learn pneumatology so that you can live the 'life in the Spirit'. The 165 things mentioned above is a good start. As you learn to know the new you, are learning pneumatology, for these things are all about you - the spirit, the new creation in Christ. Just as you learned how to function in this biological world by teaching and training, the life in the Spirit is also taught and trained.



"When I see that new creation come to be, then I say, Lord, did you make
that out of me?

I'm just like that little lily pushing up that heavy clod,
and I marvel at the wisdom of my God."

(song by Marvin T. Jones, "I Marvel At The Wisdom of My God", copyright 1974)

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