

Ephesians: Put Off, Put On

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Following Jesus is a new way of living.

- Put Off
- Put On
- Why the Change

Put Off

- If there is a God who made the world and told us how to live in it, anyone ignoring or resisting Him is putting themselves in darkness
- Hearts filled with wrong loves lead to ignorant minds which lead to harmful actions
- We were all born into this spiritual reality, but we don't have to live in it anymore

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Put On

- All the commands here have to do with relationships
 - The Christian life is only being lived properly when it's lived in community
- Each command has a negative and a positive side
 - CIRCUMSTANCE change can make bad behavior go away, but only HEART change can put good behavior in its place

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Why The Change

- 2 Possible responses:
 - 1. I can't do it
 - 2. I'm gonna do it
- On our own power, these can only lead to pride or shame, which both kill love
- Paul calls for us to have a new perspective on life that puts God at the center
- The gospel gives us this perspective

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