

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
Sept. 30th, 2018
Col. 3:10-11

- **RECAP:** Last week, we looked chiefly at God’s exhortation to us not to lie. We studied in detail what lying is, what it is not, and what that means for our lives.

- **“...And having put on the new self,”**
 - The Greek text word for “new man,” is roughly translated into simply “new/youthful person.” It gives the idea of a young, youthful, invigorated new person.
 - After urging us not to be involved in these various sins that are listed throughout v. 6-8, Paul then reminds you why that’s important. Our identity is that of a renewed child of God!
 - It’s much harder to sin when you take a moment to remember these truths. What God has done for you, what you are called to be now, and how much love and worth God has placed upon you. Paul wants you to know who you are, so you know how to battle against these evils then they arise in your life.

- **“which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”**
 - The previous action was a past, accomplished work that was done to you. This action is placed in present tense, meaning that it is being done to you currently and continually by another force acting on you.
 - Realize our absolute dependence upon God: First, He saved you. He gave you a new heart and new spirit, and then adopted you as His royal child and family. But He did not complete the work there and move on! He is continually, presently working, until the work is done.
 - But specifically, we are being renewed **“in understanding,”** and **“in the image of the Creator.”** What do these passages mean?
 - **“knowledge.”** Greek word is the word “epi-knosis,” It kind of lends to the idea of “super-knowledge,” or “extremely deep/experiential knowledge.” The best way to translate this in English is “understanding.”
 - **“image of the Creator.”** The Holy Spirit is continually making you into the Image of Christ. We know from **Col.1:15-20** that there is no distinction between Christ and God when it comes to creating. So we are being made into the Image of Christ. Phil. 1:6; Romans 8:28-29.

- Let us be a people so dependent upon Christ, that we are reminded constantly of it. Mark 10:14

- **“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.”**
 - There is no room for prejudice in God’s church. Regardless of political climates, that all true saved believers should be loved and respected the same in God’s church.

- **Conclusion:**
 - **Pray that you are always totally dependent on Christ. Seek to be dependent in Him!**

Pray that we are unified in Christ. Let us look past prejudice, and instead to unity.