

Overview: Eventually, the church as the one new man fulfills the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with God's enemy. The one new man was created by Christ with two kinds of material—the redeemed created man and the divine element. On the cross, Christ put these two materials together to produce a new man. In the new man Christ is all and in all; we have no place. We need to see that all the local churches in the different countries are one new man. Among the churches in the Lord's recovery, there should be no "nations". The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man. The one new man will conclude this age, usher in the kingdom of God, and bring Christ, the King, back to this earth.

I. The church, the Body of Christ, is the one new man to accomplish God's eternal purpose:

- A. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and to represent Him.
 B. God's creation of man in Genesis 1 is a picture of the new man in God's new creation; this means that the old creation is a figure, a type, of the new creation.
 C. Eventually, the church as the one new man is the corporate man in God's intention; the one new man fulfills the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with God's enemy.

II. The one new man was created through Christ's death on the cross:

- A. The one new man was created by Christ with two kinds of material—the redeemed created man and the divine element; on the cross Christ put these two materials together to produce a new man.
 B. In the creating of the new man, first our natural man was crucified by Christ, and then through the crossing out of the old man, Christ imparted the divine element into us, causing us to become a new entity.]]
 C. Apart from being in Christ, we could not have been created into one new man, because in ourselves we do not have the divine essence, which is the element of the new man:
 1. Only in the divine essence and with the divine essence were we created into the one new man; it is possible to have this essence only in Christ.
 2. Christ Himself is the essence of the new man; hence, in Himself He created the two, the Jews and the Gentiles, into one new man.
 3. In the one new man Christ is all because He is the essence with which the new man was created; therefore, the one new man is Christ.

III. The church is the one new man, and in this new man Christ is all and in all; we have no place:

- A. God's intention in His economy is that Christ be everything; therefore, it is crucial for us to see that God wants nothing but Christ and that in the eyes of God nothing counts except Christ:]]
 1. God's intention is to make Christ His Son the center of His economy and also to make Him everything to the believers.
 2. God's economy is to work the all-inclusive Christ into us.
 B. There is no natural person in the one new man, and there is no possibility, no room, for any natural person:
 1. In the one new man there is only one person—the all-inclusive Christ.
 2. The one new man is just Christ—Christ spreading and Christ enlarged.
 C. The new man is uniquely one—one in Christ and one with Christ; we are one by Christ and through Christ:
 1. If we are not in Christ, we have no share, no part, in the new man; rather, we are through with the new man.
 2. If we are in Christ but do not live Christ, we have a problem related to the new man.]]
 D. The one new man comes into being as we are saturated, filled, and permeated with Christ and replaced by Him through an organic process:
 1. The new man is Christ in all the saints permeating us and replacing us until all natural distinctions have been removed and everyone is constituted of Christ.
 2. The all-inclusive Christ must be wrought into us organically until He replaces our natural being with Himself.
 E. In the one new man, Christ is all the members and is in all the members:
 1. The Christ who dwells in us is the constituent of the one new man.
 2. Because Christ is all the members of the new man, there is no room in the new man for any race, nationality, culture, or social status.
 3. In order for us to experience the reality of Christ being all the members of the new man, we need to take Christ as our life and person and live Him, not ourselves.]]
 4. It is very significant that Paul said both that Christ is all and that He is in all:
 a. We should not think that because Christ is all the members of the one new man, we are nothing and are not needed.
 b. The fact that Christ is in all the members of the new man indicates that the members continue to exist.

IV. We need to see that all the local churches in the different countries are one new man:

- A. All the churches are not merely individual local churches but are the one new man:
 1. We cannot say that each local church is a new man; rather, all the local churches on earth are the one new man.
 2. The one new man is a matter not merely of individual localities and individual churches but of all the churches on earth corporately.
 B. Among the churches in the Lord's recovery, there should be no "nations":
 1. We do not care to have a little "nation," an empire, in which we can be a king; rather, we care to be in the one new man.
 2. The building of the church depends on the existence of the one new man.]]
 C. Today is the day to have a new man constituted of all the local churches, including all the saints as one in Christ, who is all in all; this will be the ultimate church life—a universal new man living out Christ.

V. The goal of the Lord's recovery is to bring forth the one new man:

- A. What was divided and scattered in the old man is recovered in the new man; to put off the old man is to put off the divided and scattered man; to put on the new man is to put on the gathered and one new man.
 B. What the Lord has been doing and is now doing in His recovery is bringing forth the one new man with Himself as the life and the person for God's expression.
 C. The requirement that everyone be only one man is exceedingly high; for the practical existence of the one new man, we need to rise up together to take Christ as our person.
 D. The one new man will conclude this age, usher in the kingdom of God, and bring Christ, the King, back to this earth.]]

Day1: [Eph.2:15](#) Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,¹⁶And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
[2 Cor.5:17](#) So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

Day2: [Matt.17:5](#) While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

[Col.1:18](#) And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Day3: [Col.2:17](#) Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.
[Gal.4:19](#) My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

Day4: [Eph.3:17](#) That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

[Gal.4:19](#) My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

[Col.3:10](#) And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,¹¹Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

[Matt24:35](#) Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall by no means pass away.

Day5: [Col.4:15](#) Greet the brothers in Laodicea, as well as Nymphas and the church, which is in his house.¹⁶And when this letter is read among you, cause that it be read in the church of the Laodiceans also, and that you also read the one from Laodicea.

Day6: [Eph.4:22](#) That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

²³ And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

²⁴ And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

[Rev.11:15](#) And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Experience ①: One new man will express God and deal with God's enemy, Satan
God's positive intention is that man would express Him, whereas God's negative intention is that man would deal with God's enemy, Satan, the devil. In the universe God has a problem, the problem of dealing with His enemy. Since God's enemy, the devil, is a creature, God will not deal with him directly Himself; instead, He will deal with him by man, a creature of His creation. God deals with His enemy through man.

The term the new man reminds us of the old man. The old man did not fulfill God's dual purpose. However, the new man in God's new creation does fulfill the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with God's enemy.

The church should be a house filled with Christ and constituted with Him. Instead, the church [in Colossae] had been invaded by culture. To a large extent, Christ as the unique element in the church life was being replaced by various aspects of this mixed culture. The constituent of the church should be Christ and Christ alone, for the church is the Body of Christ....Nevertheless, the good elements of culture, especially philosophy and religion, had invaded the church and saturated it....We must see that Satan's strategy in flooding the church with culture is to use the most highly developed aspects of culture to replace Christ.

Therefore, Paul's purpose in the book of Colossians is to show that in the church nothing should be allowed to be a substitute for Christ. The church life must be constituted uniquely of Christ....This is the reason that in this short Epistle a number of elevated expressions are used to describe Christ. For example, He is called the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation, the Firstborn from among the dead, and the body of all the shadows. In 3:10 and 11, Paul says that in the new man there is no possibility of having Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian or Scythian, slave or freeman.

For Young Working Saints

In 1977, brother Lee released messages in Taiwan regarding one new man. Soon after that the person with ambition has been motivated by Satan to attack the church, the Body of Christ, one new man. However eventually, the churches in the Lord's recovery saw more about one new man through this situation. The important lesson from this is that the church is eventually one new man who will consummate God's twofold purpose. Because this new man will deal with Satan, Satan with all of his effort has been trying to interfere the church to recognize the one new man and practice the church life of the new man.

You should not become negative saying, "I should not touch the things about the new man because Satan will get upset." If you are not aggressive, you will eventually be trapped and ruled by Satan in confusion. Rather, you need to practice the church life or business life according to the new man to rule Satan. Christian life is a spiritual warfare, so you have only two choices either you are ruled by Satan or you rule Satan. Be aggressive to take the option to rule Satan.

Brother Liang from Shanghai, who joined the first week of gospel spreading activity in the last December, has an experience of living in Israel after moving from China to Australia. He also has been in various other countries. He said, "Countries where I felt the forces of evil spirits of Satanic darkness were strong is Israel, and Japan is the next. According to his feeling in his spirit, the power of evil forces in Japan is so strong that it is binding and suppressing Japanese people. Isn't this the same as the situation in the age of Nehemiah when the rebuilding of the temple and the wall has been stopped and they were in poor condition? As a business person, you should understand such a situation and be aggressive to rise up to deal with the enemy and practice the church life according to the new man.

Experience ②: There is no room for national, cultural, or social distinctions in the new man

In the new man Christ is every member. Concerning this, Paul says in 3:11 "Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all and in all." This means that in the new man there is no place, no room, for any natural person. There is no place for regional, cultural, or national distinctions. For example, in the new man there cannot be Chinese or Americans, Californians or Texans. Likewise, in the new man there is no room for Jew or Greek, for religious ones or nonreligious ones, for cultured ones or uncultured ones, for freemen or slaves. There is no room for any race, nationality, culture, or social status. In the one new man there is room only for Christ. Christ surely is all the members of the new man.

If we have all seen the vision of the new man and have seen that all the churches are not merely individual local churches but the one new man, we will be willing to say, "Lord, I want to receive grace and mercy with all the saints as the one new man, taking You as the person in all of us." If you take Christ in this way as the person of this corporate new man, you will not decide anything in your life by yourself. Because you see that you are a part of the churches as the new man, you will not be able to decide anything merely by yourself. Since you are a part of the new man, your decisions and your living should not be yours; they should be the decisions and the living of the corporate new man.

For Junior and Senior High School Students

In the one new man, there is no Japanese, Chinese, Korean, African, European, or American. This means that in the new man, there is no room for any natural person. But from another point of view, there is a need for the regenerated and transformed Japanese (strictly speaking the former Japanese), Chinese and others. In other words, for the church life of one new man, you should not only to be saved, but also be transformed and become a person filled with Christ. Your natural being is not the new man. Your regenerated spirit, transformed soul and the consecrated body is the new man.

In the new man, Christ is the only person. There are many members in the church, but not many persons, there is only one unique person. For this, you need to practice the followings:

- i. Be revived every morning: Pray read and enjoy the Word of the Lord with brothers and sisters every morning.
- ii. Overcome daily: After enjoying the Lord in the morning, go to school with the Lord and experience Him in your studies and in various human relations.
- iii. Start and learn to take Christ as your parson in the various decisions in your school life. For example, instead of making decision on your own for going on to university, decide with Christ as the person. If you decide by yourself, your church life has not yet reached the standard of church life in the one new man.
- iv. In order to carry out the church life of one new man taking Christ as the person, you need to open to the brothers and sisters who are leading you and open to be prayed by them. God's economy is not only you to take Christ as your life and the life supply, but also to take Christ as a person. Even if you pray to the Lord for the fulfilling of your decision, the Lord cannot help you with that. And if you hope that your decision may become His will later on, it won't happen. Be sure to open to the Lord and the brothers and sisters who are leading you and pray, "Lord, let me learn to take Christ as my person". Amen!

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1. かつてはつみのなか
死んでながさ~れてた
いまかみに生かされ
主とともに天じょうに座す
繰り返し)
イエス~われらをあつめ
見よ聖~徒らのいち(一)を
主の愛~われらをむすび
主の豊満へといたらせる
2. 聖徒らすべてともに
キリストの~愛知る
はかりしれない愛に
満たされ主の表現となる
3. かくされたみこころ
われらにあ~かされ
キリストとしようかい
てきサタンをはずかしめる
4. ちちにいのりもとむ
わが霊をつ~よめて
こころにホームづくり
愛に根ざし土台づけらる
5. かく肢体けつ合され
キリスト供~給する
それぞれ機能果たし
からだ建造し成長させる
6. いまひとつのからだ
あたらしいひ~となり
主としよう会のなかで
とわに栄光をかみに帰す

補充本, #616 耶穌聚集我們在一起

- 1 從前我們在罪中死了，
這世界全然一團糟；
但神使我們一起復活，
一起與基督升天，同坐寶座。
(副歌)
耶穌聚集我們在一起，
請看看聖徒同心合意！
主愛使得我們都一致，
達到基督豐滿身量的地步。
- 2 因此我們能和眾聖徒，
一起明白基督的愛；
長闊高深雖然無法測度，
但神的豐滿我們一再得著。
- 3 神在歷代隱藏的旨意，
已成了顯明的奧秘；
基督，召會，我們今看見，
這真叫撒但受辱，羞慚滿面！
- 4 我們為此來禱告父神—
剛強我們裡面的人，
讓你安家在我們心裡，
使我們在你愛中生根立基。
- 5 在身體裡聯絡得合式，
各筋節都供應基督，
各個肢體功用都擺上，
使身體得著建造，不斷增長！
- 6 如今我們已合而為一，
成為神所要的新人；
在基督裡，在召會中間，
願榮耀歸神，直到永永遠遠！

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- _1_
Once by nature we were dead in sin,
In a world of utter discord;
But together God has quickened us,
Raised us upto sit together with the Lord.
(Refrain)
Jesus is getting us together,
Come and see the saints in one accord.
His love is knitting us together,
To the stature of the fullness of the Lord.
- _2_
Thus with all saints we can apprehend
All the vast dimensions of God.
Knowing Christ's love passes all we know,
We're together filled to fullness with our God.
- _3_
Now we know the purpose of our God,
Visible the mystery become
Christ, the church, together now we see
And together put the enemy to shame
- _4_
For this cause we pray the Father God—
Strengthen Thou with might our inner man;
Make Yourself at home in all our hearts,
Root us, ground us in Your love and for Your plan.
- _5_
In the Body we'll be fitly framed
As the many members Christ supply;
Working in the measure of each part,
All by growth in love the Body edify.
- _6_
Now we're one His purpose to fulfill,
As the one new man of His plan.
Unto Him be glory in the church,
And in Jesus Christ forever more—Amen