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Do Not Lie

Colossians 3:9a (NKJV)

Do not lie to one another . . .

- “Do not lie” is **imperative** in the Greek
- How we treat fellow Christians is critical
- False teachers often lie to discredit gospel preachers
- See Leviticus 19:11

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Colossians 3:9b (NKJV)

...since you have **put off the old man** with his deeds

- The “old man” is the whole person as ruled by sin
- “you have put off” is literally “having put off” which is aorist middle participle
- This is a **clothing metaphor**
- This happened at conversion
- The “old man” was a liar!

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Colossians 3:10 (NKJV)

and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge **according to the image of Him who created him**

- Christians are being continually renewed
- This is a decisive change, the old clothes are replaced by the new
- Renewal is into "full knowledge" (*epigno_sis*) **according to the image of the Creator**
- The new man is who we are in Christ

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The New Man Is Only Dependant on Christ

Colossians 3:11 (NKJV)

where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but **Christ is all and in all**.

- **Our new identity is not dependant on the old**
- All believers are indwelt by Christ
- Racial, religious, cultural, and social barriers go away!
- Our new status depends on Christ alone

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Implications and Applications

- As Christians we must be committed to truth
- We must remember what God has done for us
- We must live new lives according to the promises of God

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We Are Committed to Truth

Ephesians 4:25 (NASB)

Therefore, **laying aside falsehood**, **speaking truth** each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

- It says literally “**casting off the lie**”
- 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 warns of liars
- John 8:44 says Satan is the father of “the lie”
- God cannot lie, Titus 1:2

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Remember God's Saving Acts

Colossians 1:13, 14 (NASB)

For **He rescued us** from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us** to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins.

- This is what happened in “putting off” of Col. 3:9
- Paul uses the fact of God's saving act to motivate present obedience
- Future hope is grounded in past redemption

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New Lives Are Not Dependent on the Old

Galatians 3:28 (NASB)

There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free** man, there is neither **male nor female**; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**.

- Our old earthly status does not determine our new identities in Christ
- It is not acceptable to divide people in Christ according to their old status

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Believe the Promises of God

2Corinthians 5:17 (NET)

So then, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; what is old has passed away—look, what is new has come!

- Counseling based on our past lives and memories makes no sense and will harm Christians
- See Hebrews 6:11, 12
- See 2Corinthians 7:1

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