

## Putting on the New Self in the New Year

### Colossians 3:1-4

Putting on the new self involves...

#### 1. retaining some things.

A. I need to retain the right foundation.

**Colossians 3:1a** | <sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ,

B. I need to retain the right focus.

**Colossians 3:1b-2a** | <sup>1b</sup> seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above,

#### 2. releasing other things.

**Colossians 3:2** | <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

A. False doctrine.

**Colossians 2:8a** | <sup>8a</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit,

B. Flawed religion.

**Colossians 2:8b** | <sup>8b</sup> according to human tradition,

C. Fleshly desires.

**Colossians 2:8c** | <sup>8c</sup> according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

#### 3. remembering the important things.

A. In Christ, I was relieved of the cares of this world.

**Colossians 3:3a** | <sup>3a</sup> For you have died,

B. In Christ, I am reoriented to the things of God.

**Colossians 3:3b** | <sup>3b</sup> and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

C. In Christ, I will be resurrected in glory.

**Colossians 3:4** | <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.