



# GOD'S FELLOWSHIP – NEW LIFE, NEW PEOPLE (21)

## START HERE:

Some of the most important words in the Bible might seem unimportant at first glance.

but . if . then . therefore . since . so (that) . because

But these words are actually very important. They provide critical clues that explain what things mean, why things happen, and how things fit together. Always pay attention to these words.

Colossian 3 starts with one of these important words. Depending on your translation, it might be “since” or “since then” or “if then.” Clue! It’s as though Paul is saying, “Listen up: the stuff I just said matters for what’s coming next. Did you pay attention to it? If not, go back and read it again because it explains why I’m now going to say the next things.”

Think about that as you read.

You’ll see that the truth in verses 1-4 leads to the instructions in verses 5-10.

Living by Paul’s instructions in verses 5-10 is evidence for what he says in verses 11-12a.

The truth in verses 11-12a logically leads to the instructions he writes in verses 12b-17.

Paul writes with purpose. Everything is connected together. Look for the clues.

## READ THIS: Colossians 3:1-17

## THINK ABOUT:

What do the verses say about these two things:

Put to death / strip off:

Put on / clothe yourself with:

### EXTRA THINGS

**therefore**  
(adverb)

Points to reasons and results.

Other ways to say it:

“As a result...”

“Because of that...”

“For that reason...”

**if/then**  
(conditional)

Sometimes “then” is only implied and not actually written. If/ (then) statements can be general truths or hypothetical possibilities.

**because**  
(conjunction)

Introduces a reason or explanation.

**since**  
(conjunction)

Introduces a reason or explanation.

Other ways to say it:

“Because...”

“In view of the fact that...”

### EXTRA VERSES

Ephesians 4:17-5:20

### EXTRA STUFF

Listen to “Raised to Life” [HERE](#).

Listen to “Lord I Need You” [HERE](#).

What do you learn about each of these things from this passage:

Truth about God:

Truth about Jesus Christ:

Truth about the Spirit:

Truth about God’s children:

**AM:** Today, put on/clothe yourself as Jesus would want you to..

**PM:** Today, God helped me realize that...

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the sacrificial death of Christ which makes it possible to put to death my old self and to put on the new nature that you create. Help me to surrender my old nature and selfish desires each day. Help me to fill and wrap myself with love and obedience each day. Amen.*

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