

What to Do About the Influence of Sin:

Stop! Lay Aside!

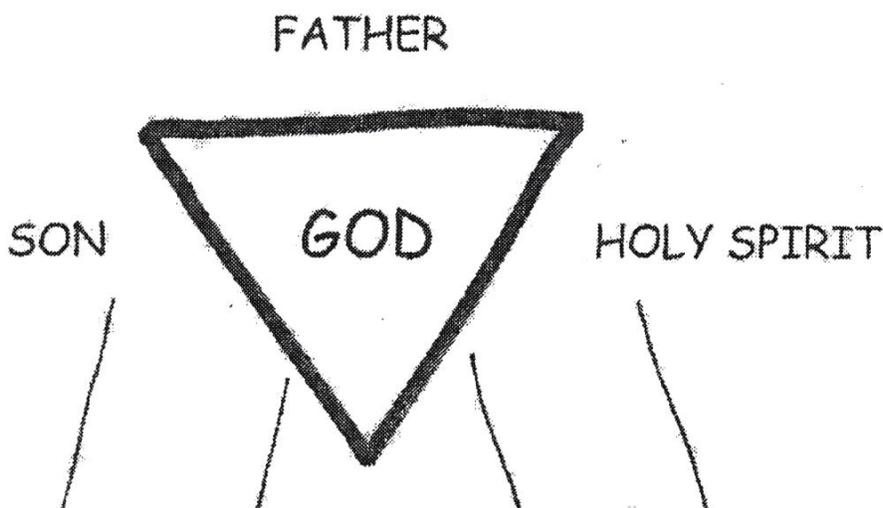
Renew Your Mind!

Go! Put On!

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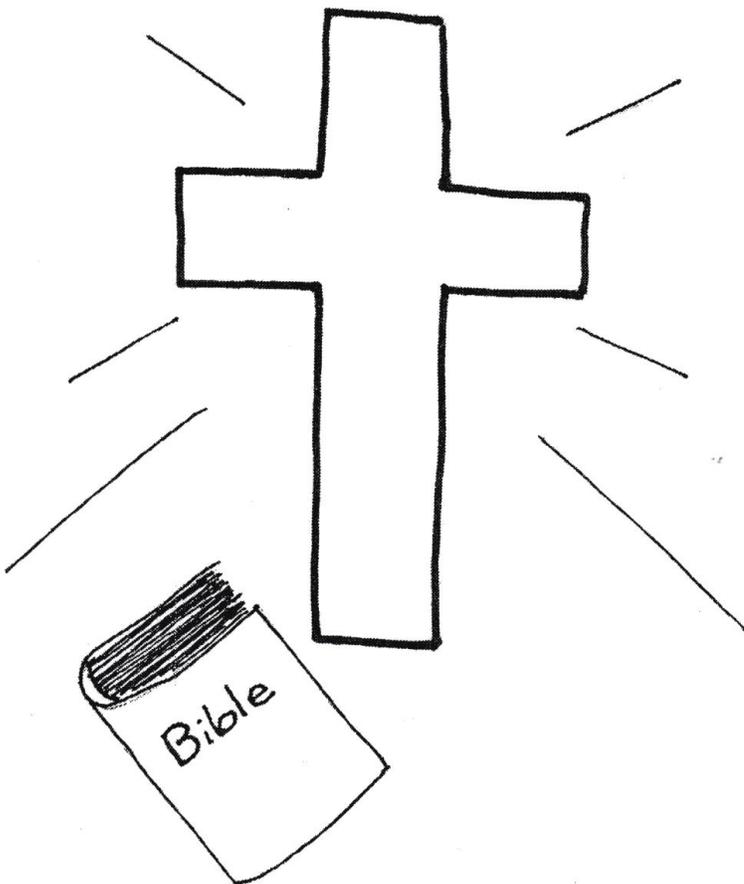
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It is amazing to think of the love God has for us. His love is infinite - He never runs out of it! He never stops loving us! God's love is perfect. Every second He is the One taking care of us. He never stops to take a break! God's will is for us to receive His best; He knows just what we need and when to give it to us! God has done EVERYTHING HE CAN to rescue His children from SIN so we can concentrate on becoming His adult sons and daughters. We are to make ourselves available to God and be obedient sons and daughters so we can experience His love!



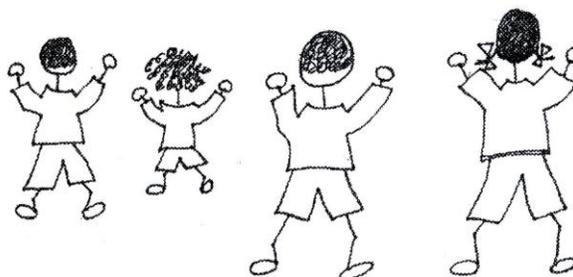
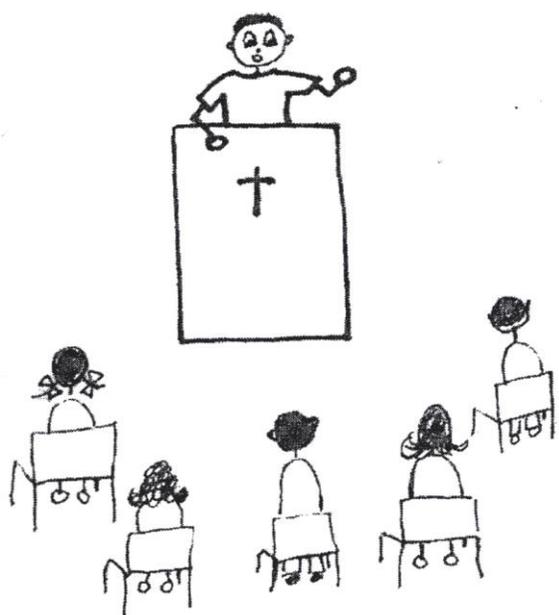
Romans 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All sins were forgiven because of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Sin as a master - the authority, power and principle working to drive man to disobey God - was also taken care of by Jesus on the cross. When we became believers in Jesus Christ He became our new Master. We don't have to obey sin as a master any longer; we can and are to obey Jesus Christ. God rescued us! Believe that! However, we still have to deal with the power or influence of the flesh - the flesh being the manifestation or presence of sin in the body. We can't resist its power on our own. So, God the Father sent God the Holy Spirit to our rescue! He indwells us! He has the supernatural power to make us victorious over the power and influence of the flesh. Believe it!



John 14:16-17a I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth.

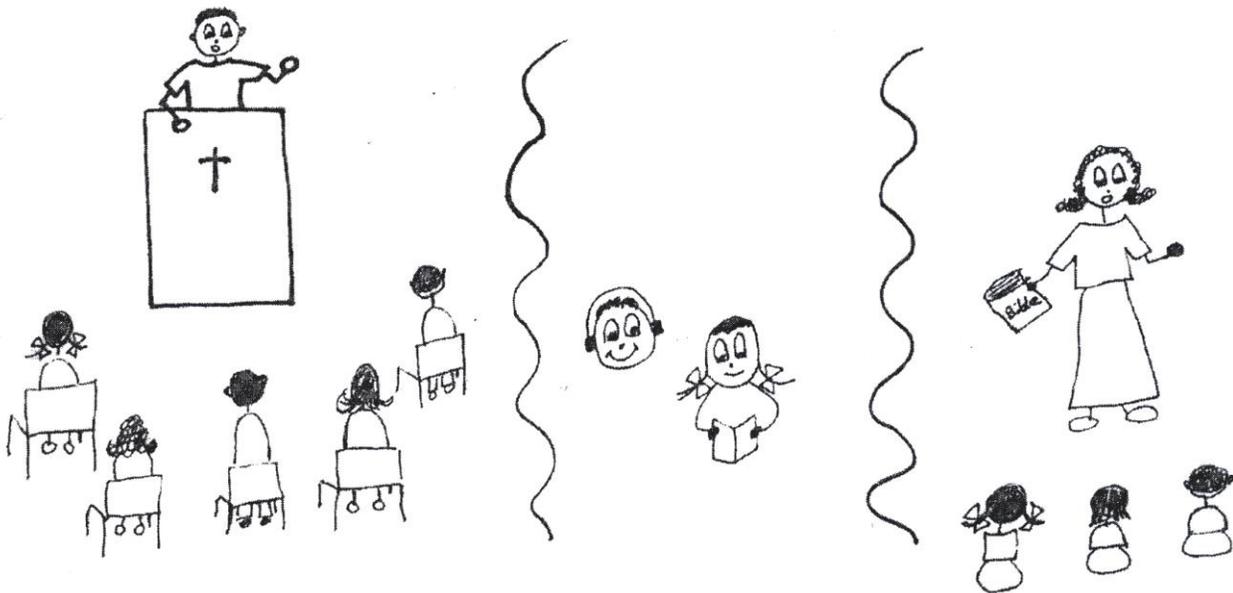
Since the Holy Spirit put us in union with Jesus Christ at salvation, we don't have to live under our old master, sin; we can choose to live under our New Master, Jesus Christ; we are a new creation in Christ. Through the Bible, the Holy Spirit teaches us about Christ; He wants us to really know Him. He wants us to know the thinking of Jesus Christ and then to use it. He is bringing glory to Jesus Christ by teaching us about Him and by changing us into the image of Jesus!



2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ [a believer], *he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

Ephesians 4:22-24 That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old man, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

God is concerned about the way we live our lives. He wants us to lay aside or stop doing what we were used to doing in our old man - in our former manner of life. He wants us to live in the new man in union with Jesus Christ. In order to lay aside or put away our old man, we have to be renewed in our mind. This happens when the Holy Spirit changes our old ways of thinking through the word of God. This is how we put on our new man and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Here are some Scriptures which tell us what to **lay aside** in our old man and what to **put on** in our new man.

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH** EACH ONE of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another.

We are to **lay aside** telling lies and **put on** telling the truth.



Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the *need of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

We are to **lay aside** gossiping, maligning, and judging. We are to **put on** the new man which encourages others.



Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Grieving the Spirit means a person is not doing what he is supposed to do in the spiritual life. The solution is to **put on the new man**. Or, live by the power of the Holy Spirit and the thinking of Christ in your soul. Stop or **lay aside** what hurts others and **put on** or do that which builds up others.



Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Verse 32 tells us what to do instead:

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



Ephesians 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise...

Be careful how you live your life. If you are unwise, then **lay** foolishness **aside** or stop being unwise. You need to **put on** or get wisdom from the word of God.

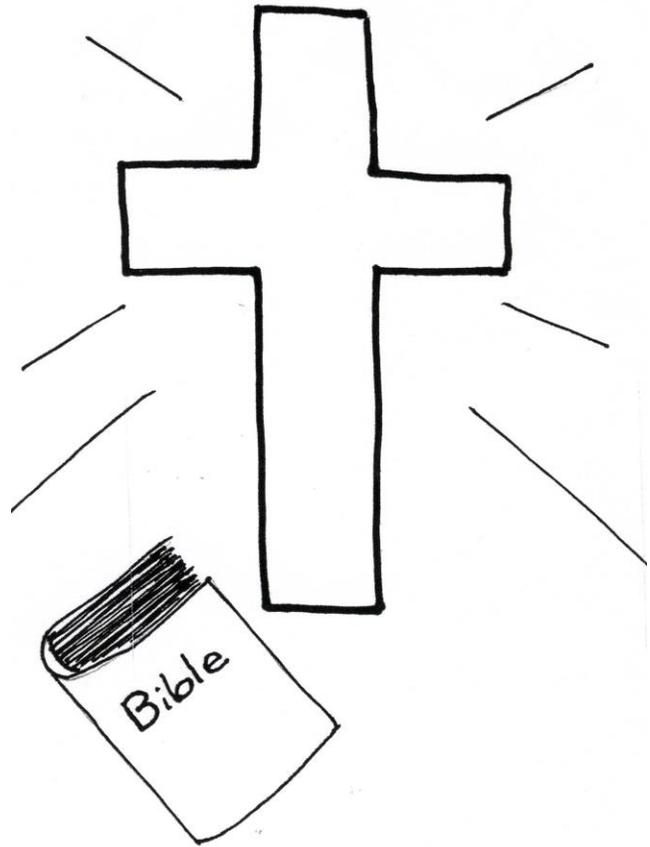


Ephesians 5:16 ...making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Make good use of your time **by putting Jesus Christ and His work as top priority.**



The Holy Spirit is inside of us to clearly show us who Christ is. He wants to make us grow into supporting evidence, or an outward sign, of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection. He wants us to know what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross; He paid the price for everyone's sins! He rose from the dead and was victorious in solving the sin problem. The Holy Spirit wants to make us into the image of Jesus Christ! Through His power He wants us to live like Jesus Christ lives! In that way, we will reveal Jesus Christ to others. Our active concentration **should not be on ourselves and our sins**; it **should be on Christ and His accomplishments**. Jesus Christ gets the glory because He did the work!



Galatians 5:16 But I say, **walk [live] by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

God the Holy Spirit is always at work rescuing us out of the habits of our old man and growing us in Christ. When we sin we are not doing what we are supposed to do in the spiritual life. This grieves the Holy Spirit or makes Him sad. He wants us to turn away from our sinning and turn to living in our new life in Christ. God the Holy Spirit is inside of us to guide and direct our lives according to the word of God, the thinking of Jesus Christ. Our concentration is to be on where we are going in our new life in Christ. The Holy Spirit is with believers to help us **lay aside the old man**, to renew our mind by learning and believing the word of God, and to **put on the new man - the thinking of Jesus Christ!**

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