

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JULY 04, 2021

"SERMON IN A BAG: Old and New"
Colossians 3:5-11

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must *rid* yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

Our object for this morning is _____

It came with _____

Allow me to share a few interesting "factoids" about dragonflies:

There are some _____

Their total lifespan is a minimum of _____

After hatching they have two stages: _____

Given the nature of this particular insect I began to reflect on the theme of "old and new." Because like the dragonfly we also have _____

And just like the dragonfly these two are diametrically opposed. Our text speaks to these two "ways of being".

A. The text begins with "the old way" it is (*gēs*) _____

In context, it stands _____

This old nature is characterized by _____

These things and this way of being brings _____

B. Then there is "the (*néos*) new self", again in context, _____

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

We are _____!

It is not _____!

Romans 6:4, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

It proceeds from our _____

It is "the way of being" _____

It is the _____

So, it is a life characterized by _____

(Unity in, through and for Christ)

"Let's commit ourselves to live in newness of life and to put off our old ways, rely upon the power and the grace of God and so glorify Christ before the watching world!"