

# East Union Baptist Sermon Notes



## 1- When the Old House is not Good Enough (Demolition Time) Col 3:1-10

I have often been fascinated with the some of the methods of construction and modernization of malls, and retail outlets. I have watched with wonder as to why they tear down what looks like a perfectly good building to build another one that is to serve the same purpose as the old one in its place. Borrowing from that thought let's talk together today as we begin a series I have entitled, *Blueprint for a Christian Life*, about when the old house is not good enough, demolition time.

Our text today is found in **Col 3:1-10** with emphasis on **Col 3:9-10** ***Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.***

### I- Hidden Flaws:

We are exhorted to put off the old man and put on the new man. This brings us a bunch of question. Among them are; what does this mean? Why do we need a change anyway? Isn't the way I am good enough? Lets pause a moment and see why we need a new house or become a new man.

I told you I have been fascinated by the demolition of what looked like perfectly good buildings. Well the true is not on the outside appearance. The flaws of these building lie deep within them. They many look like a fresh coat of paint or a new landscape job on the outside could make them acceptable but it will not. The wiring has become unsafe and outdated, the structure many times has become unsafe because of foundation problems that have developed.

In much the same way neither will taking a bath and putting on some perfume or cologne make our inside what it needs to be. The flaw of our old house that needs to be demolished is also inside, hidden from view. Let's look at some of the flaws within our old man or old house are the problem.

**1- Inherited Nature: Romans 5:12**  
***Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.***

Most are familiar with the story of the fall of the human race recorded in Genesis 3. Adam as the head and the first created of the human race failed and sin entered the world. This fallen sin nature has passed to all the descendants of Adam. Even if we deny it this is still a fact that causes us to need a demolition of this old sin nature. Paul, even after he was saved, talked about the warfare of the sin nature and the new man in Christ in **Romans 7:22-23** ***For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.***

Now I ask, how much more does the old sin nature rule in a man who has never been redeemed and does not have the Holy Spirit living with them? A man who, while the outside may look good, is still flawed by sin in the worst way. A man who has never had the scars on his soul removed by the blood.

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**2- Inherited Death-** Along with inheriting the fallen sin nature we also, every man alive or that has lived, the exception being the Lord Jesus Christ, has also come under the condemnation of death. Did you catch in **Romans 5:12 and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.**

Sin and death are irreversibly linked in our humanity. Death is evidenced all around us and is a constant reminder and a constant companion of mankind.

**Ecc 8:8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.**

**3- Denial of the Truth-** Many, we often refer to them as slumlords, have building that are subpar but continue to rent or use them. Sometimes it requires a denial of the truth that they need to be torn down and rebuilt.

Years ago, I did a church conference for a church in East Tennessee. They needed a building in the worst kind of way. Their floor was unsafe when the load on Sunday morning were worshipping. They had one man, supposed to be the wealthiest man in the church, who had argued against a new building for years while it was falling down around them. Then one early spring morning there was a flood that came down the creek beside the church and washed it away and they finally got their new building, in a new location.

Many times we are that way spiritually when we are lost. We deny that the building we are in has any flaws. We do not want to give up the comfort of the

known, though it is not working out, for the new.

**Pro 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**

**Pro 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.** (repeated in **Pro 16:25**)

The problem is that men's own heart will deceive them. **Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

**Pro 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.**

**4- Wrong Building Inspector:** My desire is to not put building inspectors in a bad light. Most do their job and are totally honest. However, we know that some can turn a blind eye to defects at times. The problem we have sometimes admitting that we need to demolish the old building so we can build a new one is that we are being inspected by the wrong inspector. Most of the time that inspector is self-inspector. We have a so-called friend who says well it is your lives do what you want.

Years ago, when I build the first part of my cabinet shop I put a spray book in it that was about 18 by 28 feet. Inside that booth, I was spraying lacquer on the cabinets. While I was building it there were several people who told me to tell the building inspector that it was a garage and it would not be as hard to pass inspection. I told them I would not because I was the one who would be blown up in an explosion. Beloved, many are telling you to not worry about letting God be the inspector and to deny that there is a

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problem but ultimately you are the one facing the fire.

Satan is like my friends were, he keeps telling you it is ok, deny, deny, deny, but in fact it is not. He wants to deceive and blind you, by self righteousness among other things, to the truth of the gospel message and that you need to put on the new man because the old one is irreparably damaged. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Beloved the Word of God is plain when it says that no one escaped the problem of sin.

**Rom 3:23** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*  
**Rom 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## II- Demolition Time:

Little boys are fascinated with the “big ole” trucks and “big ole” bulldozers and track hoes that tear down buildings. How do we tear down the old building?

Well the good news is that the old building can be torn down by simply putting your faith in Christ.

Did you notice that it said that even though the wages of sin is death the gift

that God gives is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our text it says, **And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. Col 3:10**

Remember Paul talked about that warfare of the old nature and the new. He said then in **Rom 7:24-25** *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...*

The outcome of accepting Christ as Savior is that the old building will be demolished and the new one will begin to be constructed. O, it is true that all is complete as far as salvation is concerned when we accept Christ but from there he will begin to build us into a habitat in which God Himself dwells.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Beloved have you not lived in this old house long enough? Aren't you tired of trying to convince yourself and others that you are good enough knowing in your hear it is not true. Don't you think it is time to take the wrecking ball of the truth that Jesus died for you to make you a new man in Christ to that old man?