

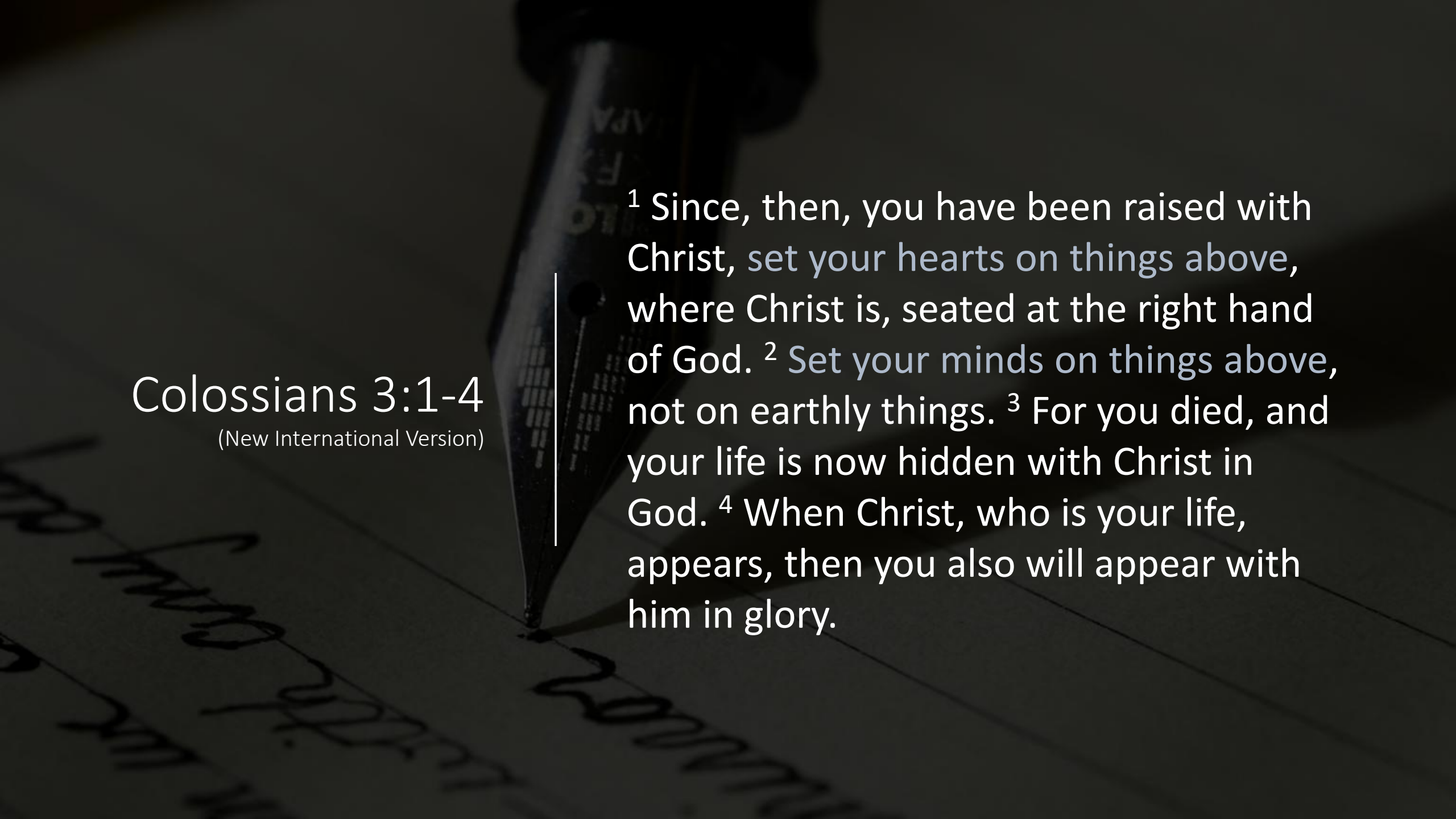


Encouraged in Heart

A LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

Check Your Wardrobe

Colossians 3:1-15

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Colossians 3:1-4

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¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



Paul Invites an Eternal Perspective

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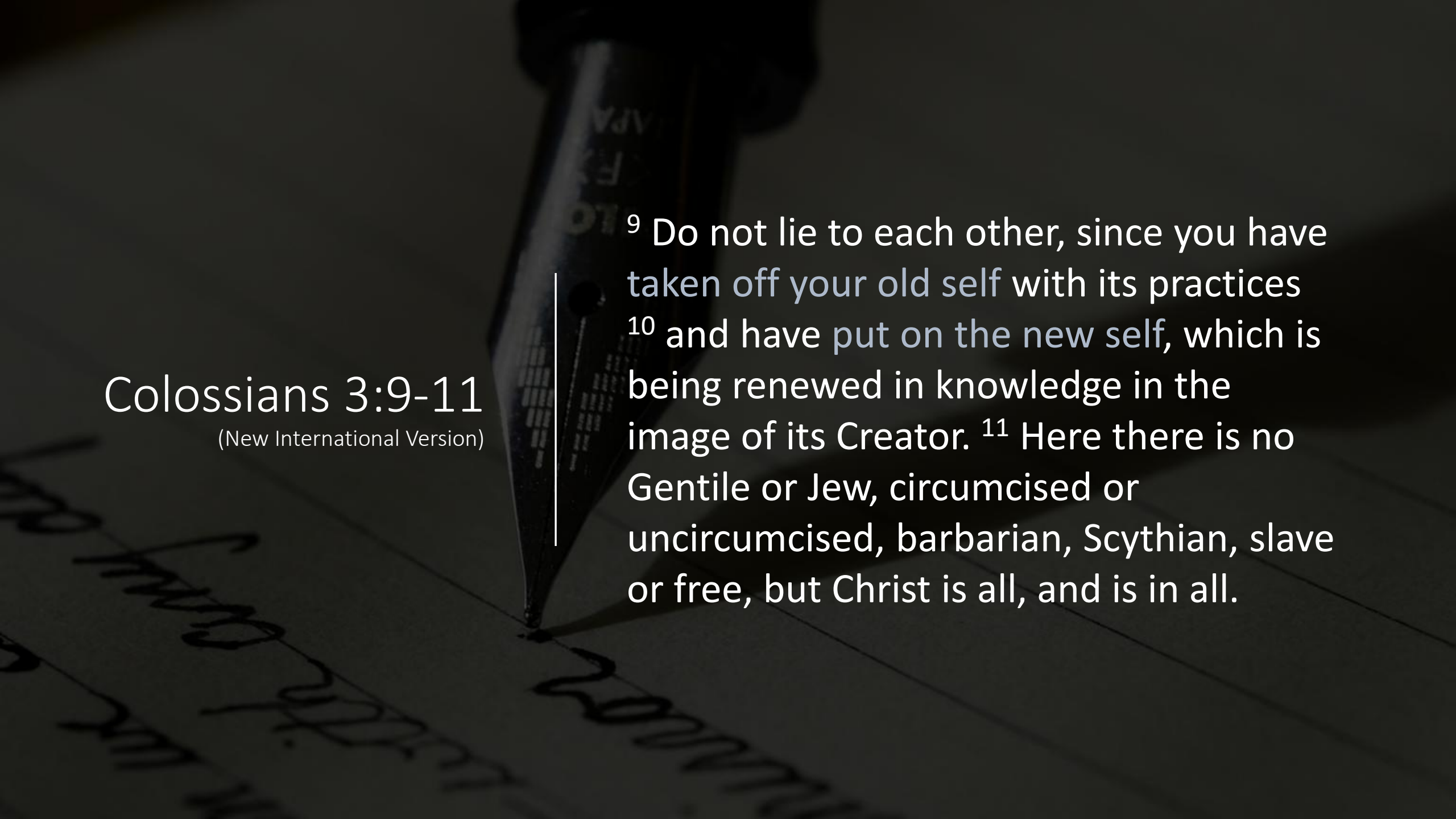
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Colossians 3:5-8

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⁵ 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 also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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Colossians 3:9-11

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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 Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

David Stein

(David Sein and Co Art Restoration, Sydney)

“We want to avoid restoration work as much as we can; the conservation of artwork is of a much greater priority.

Nevertheless, when restoration work needs to be done the most important thing is to understand the original intention of the artist, to capture the original design – this way we are never truly adding to the art, but simply uncovering what was already present.”



“You can’t wear that. I
already paid the price
for it. It is not yours
anymore!”

- Jesus



Julian of Norwich

(1343-1416)

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Paul: Take off your old self.

(Colossians 3:9)



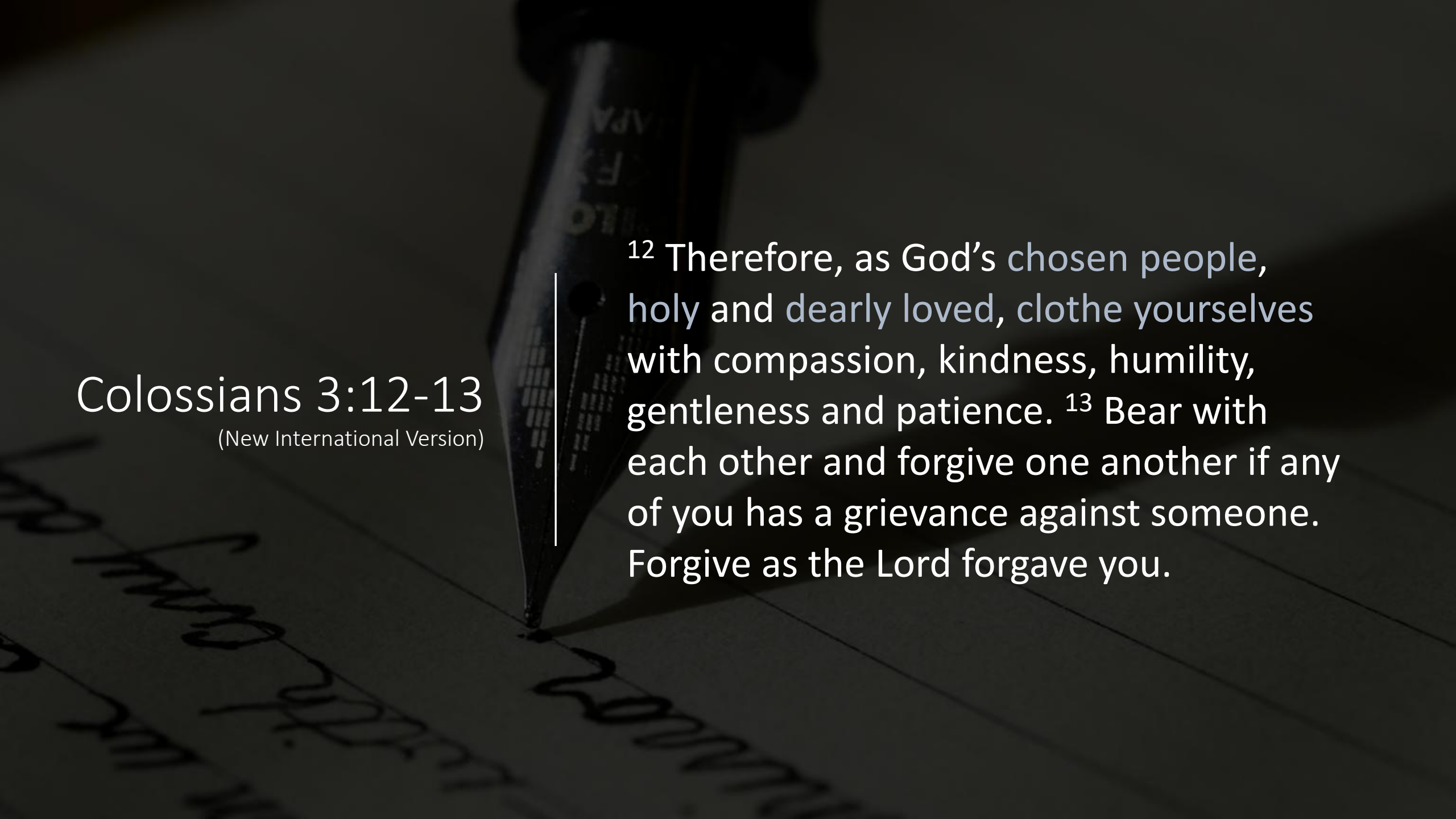


But we can't stay
naked!

Matthew 12:43-45

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⁴³ “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.⁴⁵ Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

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Colossians 3:12-13

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¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:14-15

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¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Are you wearing any
stolen apparel?

Are you layered as
our Creator
intended?

