

The Flesh and Its Crucifixion

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CARNAL

NT:4559 sarkikos (sar-kee-kos'); **from NT:4561**; pertaining to flesh, i.e. (by extension) bodily, temporal, or (by implication) animal, unregenerate: KJV-carnal, fleshly.

NT:4561 sarx (sarx); probably **from the base of NT:4563**; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such): KJV-carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

NT:4563 saroo (sar-o'-o); from a derivative of sairo (to brush off; **akin to NT:4951**); meaning a broom; to sweep: KJV-sweep.

NT:4951 suro (soo'-ro); probably akin to NT:138; to trail: KJV-drag, draw, hale.

NT:4560 sarkinos (sar'-kee-nos); **from NT:4561**; similar to flesh, i.e. (by analogy) soft: KJV - fleshly.

FLESH

Hebrew word for flesh—used only in the physical sense

OT:1320 basar (baw-saw'r'); from **OT:1319**; flesh (from its freshness); by extension, body, person; also (by euphem.) the pudenda of a man: KJV-body, [fat, lean] flesh [-ed], kin, [man-] kind, + nakednessself,, skin.

OT:1319 basar (baw-sar'); a primitive root; properly, to be fresh, i.e. full (rosy, (figuratively) cheerful); to announce (glad news): -messenger, preach, publish, shew forth, (bear, bring, carry, preach, good, tell good) tidings.

Greek word for flesh—used either in the physical sense or negative spiritual sense

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The “Flesh and Blood” of Natural Life

(Selected references from both Testaments)

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, **He took one of his ribs or a part of his side and closed up the [place with] flesh**. And the rib or part of his side which the Lord God had taken from the man He built up and made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. Then Adam said, **This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she**



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was taken out of a man. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:21-24 AMP

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. **And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,** whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19:25-27 ESV

God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; **my flesh faints for you,** as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Psalms 63:1 ESV

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. Leviticus 17:11 ESV

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! **For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:15-18 ESV

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh** nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13 ESV

Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. **But offer and yield** yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and **your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness.** Romans 6:12-13 AMP

I tell you this, brothers: **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,** nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. **For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.** 1 Corinthians 15:50-53 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,** but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12 ESV

For we are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh** also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. Philippians 3:3-6 ESV



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Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

For all flesh (mankind) is like grass, and all its glory (honor) like [the] flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower drops off, But the Word of the Lord (divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:24-25 AMP

And baptism, which is a figure [of their deliverance], does now also save you [from inward questionings and fears], **not by the removing of outward body filth [bathing]**, but by [providing you with] the answer of a good and clear conscience (inward cleanness and peace) before God [because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21 AMP

This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you—**not the putting away of the filth of the flesh**, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21 WEB

The “Flesh and Blood” of the Risen Christ

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, **“Take, eat; this is my body.”** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, **“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 ESV

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And **the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” John 6:51-56 ESV

For he himself is our peace, who **has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility** by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. Ephesians 2:14-16 ESV



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The Flesh as Sinful Nature and Carnal Lust

(Selected references from the New Testament)

Therefore God gave them up in **the lusts of their [own] hearts** to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin], Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it). [Jeremiah 2:11.] For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to **vile affections and degrading passions**. Romans 1:24-26 AMP

Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer and yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness. Romans 6:12-13 AMP

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order **that the body of sin might be brought to nothing**, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. Romans 6:6 ESV

We know that the Law is spiritual; but **I am a creature of the flesh [carnal, unspiritual]**, having been sold into slavery under [the control of] sin... For I know that **nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh**. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out.] Romans 7:14, 18 AMP

For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature]. **But I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law** (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to **the law of sin that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]**. O unhappy and pitiable and wretched man that I am! Who will release and **deliver me from [the shackles of] this body of death?** Romans 7:22-24 AMP

Now **the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death** [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. [That is] because **the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God**, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot. Romans 8:6-7 AMP

So then, brothers, **we are debtors, not to the flesh**, to live according to the flesh. **For if you live according to the flesh you will die**, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:12-13 ESV

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires**. Romans 13:13-14 ESV



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But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, **but as people of the flesh**, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, **are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?** 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 ESV

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to **deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh**, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 5:4-5 ESV

Having therefore these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 WEB

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? **Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?** Galatians 3:2-3 ESV

For you were called to freedom, brothers. **Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 ESV

For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to **the flesh (godless human nature)**; for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. Galatians 5:17 AMP

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God... **And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** Galatians 5:19-21, 24 ESV

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. **For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption**, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in **the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV

Let no one rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he has not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind**, and not holding firmly to the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth. Colossians 2:18-19 WEB



Such [practices] have indeed the outward appearance [that popularly passes] for wisdom, in promoting self-imposed rigor of devotion and delight in self-humiliation and severity of discipline of the body, but they are of **no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh (the lower nature)**. [Instead, they do not honor God but serve only to indulge the flesh.] Colossians 2:23 AMP

What leads to strife (discord and feuds) and how do conflicts (quarrels and fightings) originate among you? **Do they not arise from your sensual desires** that are ever warring in your bodily members? James 4:1 AMP

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of **your lusts that war in your members**? James 4:1 KJV

The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment; but chiefly **those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement**, and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries. 2 Peter 2:9-10 WEB

For, speaking loud boasts of folly, **they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping** from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. 2 Peter 2:18-19 ESV

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions**—is not from the Father but is from the world. 1 John 2:15-16 ESV

And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, **hating even the garment stained by the flesh**. Jude 22-23 ESV

“The Old Man”: Our Former (Unrenewed) Self

For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God]. We know that **our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him** in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. Romans 6:5-6 AMP

For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin. Romans 6:5-6 WEB

Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in



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the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude]. And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 AMP

To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV

Do not lie to one another, for **you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices**, And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. Colossians 3:9-10 AMP

Don't lie to one another, seeing that **you have put off the old man with his doings**, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator. Colossians 3:9-10 WEB

Crucifixion of the Flesh: Done to Jesus for Us

For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God]. We know that **our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him** in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. Romans 6:5-6 AMP

For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin. Romans 6:5-6 WEB

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24 ESV

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you **except Jesus Christ and him crucified**. 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 ESV

For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. 2 Corinthians 13:4 ESV

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that **Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified**. Galatians 3:1 ESV



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And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death**, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him. Colossians 1:21-22 ESV

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit**. 1 Peter 3:18 ESV

Crucifixion of the Flesh: Already Done in Us

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that **our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing**, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **For one who has died has been set free from sin**. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus**. Romans 6:5-11 ESV

Likewise, my brothers, **you also have died to the law through the body of Christ**, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. **But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive**, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. Romans 7:4-6 ESV

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:10-11 ESV

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. **By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh**, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:3-4 ESV

For I through the Law [under the operation of the curse of the Law] have [in Christ's death for me] myself died to the Law and all the Law's demands upon me, so that I may [henceforth] live to and for God. **I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live**, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:19-20 AMP

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the



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life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20 ESV

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which **the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world**. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Galatians 6:14-15 ESV

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, **by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ**, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And **you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him**, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:11-15 ESV

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God**. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:1-5 ESV

Crucifixion of the Flesh: To Be Done by Us

And **whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me**. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:38-39 ESV

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me**. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16:24-25 ESV

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me**. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? Mark 8:34-37 ESV

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me**. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. Luke 9:23-24 ESV

So you also must **consider yourselves dead to sin** and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies**, to make you obey their passions. **Do not present your members to sin** as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your



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members to God as instruments for righteousness. **For sin will have no dominion over you**, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:11-14 ESV

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live**. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:12-15 ESV

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then **let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light**. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires**. Romans 13:12-14 ESV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And **those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires**. Galatians 5:22-24 ESV

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—**that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death**, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:8-11 ESV

But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, **to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires**, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:20-24 ESV

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **Put to death therefore what is earthly in you**: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:1-5 ESV

But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips! Do not lie to one another, **for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices**, And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. Colossians 3:8-10 AMP

