

# **What To Expect When You Put On the New Man**



**Ephesians 4:21**  
**Romans 7:18**

- Review – “Have You Put On the New Man?” – Eph. 4:17-32
  - Intent: I want us to be transformed from the state of knowing to the state of being.
  - Purpose: We must be changed to be unchanged.
  - Goal: cause us to put on the new man.
- Lesson #1 – What to Expect When You Put on the New Man
    - A. The first assignment will make us aware of our level of maturity.
    - B. The next assignment we should expect it to strengthen us for the next assignment.
    - C. Expect an assignment to connect you those whom God has chosen to labor with you in the gospel.
      - We must connect with the younger, peers, and elders.
      - We must know that we will face challenges when we are on our assignments.
      - We should make a mental and spiritual examination of what we will face and weigh it against the Word of God.
1. When God gives you an assignment, expect the “human element” challenge.
    - Human – that which is inclined to do evil unless empowered to do good.
    - Element – a single part that is essential to a complex whole.
    - Human element – a group of interrelated feelings, desires, and memories that function as a unit to dominate our personalities, whenever they are challenged, they will cause an abnormal pattern of behavior.
- A. Consider the human element in self.
    - 1) We had a life before we met God, and that life is full of feelings, desires, and memories.
    - 2) These feelings, desires and memories are not dead at best they are under subjection.
    - 3) These feelings, desires, and memories when challenged can resurface.

- 4) **Critical to the success of your assignment is your ability through the Word of God, to control feelings, desires, and memories.**
  - **The “human element” is a chronic, long lasting, and a reoccurring condition.**
- B. Consider the human element in others.**
  - 1) **A mature saint must be able to recognize a spiritual mind from a carnal mind as it relates to another.**
  - 2) **A mature saint must not take any response from another, personally.**
  - 3) **A mature saint learns to work with those saints that are still carnal.**
- 2. Expect the unexpected challenge (Exodus 3).**
  - **Unexpected challenge – one that exceeds your mental and spiritual ability to comprehend.**
  - A. Expect the challenge not to be what you thought it was going to be.**
  - B. Expect the challenge to require more than you expected it to require.**
  - C. Expect the challenge to include the unexpected instructions from God (Exodus 3:7).**
- 3. Expect the expected challenge (Phil. 3:1-3).**
  - **Expected challenge – it is within my mental and spiritual comprehension.**
  - **The devil will work through your flesh and other people (Phil. 3:1-3).**
  - A. Expect some dogs – a religious group that is more interested in their tradition and ceremonies, than they are rightly dividing the Word of God.**
  - B. Expect evil workers – you have two kinds in the church (1) Carnal Christians; (2) Religious church goers.**
  - C. Expect the circumcision – people that go to the Old Testament teaching trying to get something from God.**