

**Series "Jesus Is First"**  
**"What To Wear"**  
**Colossians 3:12-17**  
**Part-12**

**Holiness** – Negative – the absence of sin; Positive – the infusion of good.

**Colossians 3-4** – that holiness is not just negative but positive. **He is speaking of an overflowing life!**

**Colossians 3:1-11 – Putting Off The Old Man.**

**Colossians 3:12-17 – What We Should Put On:** Body, life.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** Christian Life Is Not A Creed Or Commandments But The Infusion Of A New Life To Be Lived.

**1. Verses 12-14 – The Grace Of God**

**2. Verse 15 – The Peace Of God**

**3. Verse 16 – The Word Of God**

**4. Verse 17 – The Name Of God**

**1. Verses 12-14 – The Grace Of God:**

Colossians 3:12

"So," – (K.J.V. Therefore) And so what? And what is the "therefore" there for? Paul has just shared that we have risen with Christ, we have a new nature with a new appetite that should seek the things above. We are to put off those things that are of the earth!

Grace – is God's favor to undeserving sinners. Paul reminded the Colossians of what God's grace has done for them.

**Paul mentions 3 things that God has done for them that is a motivating factor for holy living:**

- 1. We Have Been Chosen By Him** – "as those who have been chosen of God," – elect of God; The word "elect" means "chosen of God."

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Ephesians 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:19

2. **God Has Made Us Holy** – “holy” – “To be set apart; that which is sacred.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

3. **God Loves Us** – “and beloved,” – We are objects of His special love. Love is the strongest motivating power in the world.

“put on” – It is a present imperative; “clothe yourselves” means to “put them on and keep putting them on.” Colossians 3:10 – Not enough to put off! Colossians 3:8

### **List of 7 New Characteristics of the New Man:**

1. **Compassion** – “a heart of compassion,” – 6X NT K.J.V. “bowels of mercy,” “tenderness of heart or tender mercies, sensitivity to those suffering or in need, a feeling of emotion with a physical reaction.”
2. **Kindness** – “kindness,” – “sweetness of disposition.” Mercy is an attitude while kindness is an act. This does not come naturally. Mercy motivates while kindness activates; Grace in action.

“kindness,” – is listed as the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22.

Romans 2:4

3. **Humility** – “humility,” – The Greeks looked at this word as a slave stooping to his master.

It is a positive quality by which “a person seeing themselves as an object of God’s grace, lowliness in contrast to self-sufficiency; God is magnified and man is humbled; I have nothing to commend myself to God with or to brag to man about; Not thinking of self.”

Philippians 2:8; Ephesians 4:2

4. **Gentleness** – “gentleness” – meekness; people think “Meekness is weakness!” Not so, “It is strength under control.” This word was used to describe a soothing wind, a healing medicine, and a colt that had been broken. In each instance, there is power: But this power is under control.

Moses was one of the meekest men on earth, Numbers 12:3.

- 5. Patience** – “patience;” – long-suffering; Deals with things; “It is long-suffering in the face of insult or injury.” This word is literally “long-temper” (Long fused). The short-tempered person speaks and acts impulsively and lacks self-control.

One of the fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Colossians 3:13

- 6. Forbearance/Forgiveness** – “bearing with one another,” – This word literally means “to hold up or to hold back, holding oneself upright under the burdens imposed by others, not demanding what is due.”

God is forbearing toward sinners in that He holds back His judgment, Romans 2:4; 3:25.

“and forgiving each other,” – forbearance leads to mutual forgiveness. “Forgiveness gives more than is due.”

“whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.” – That is the standard of forgiveness, Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:14 – “Beyond all these things” – This is the most important of all virtues.

- 7. Love** – “put on love,” – This is the most important of the Christian virtues, and it acts like a “girdle” that ties all the other virtues together, 1 Corinthians 13.

“which is the perfect bond of unity.” – When love rules in our lives, it unites all these spiritual virtues so that there is beauty and harmony, indicating spiritual maturity.

## **2. Verse 15 – The Peace Of God:**

Colossians 3:15 – “peace of Christ” – “an attitude of rest and or security, at peace with God;” it is divine as coming from God, Romans 5:1.

The peace of Christ is different from any other kind, John 14:27.

"rule" – The word translated "rule" is an athletic term. It means "to preside at the games and distribute the prizes;" The idea of an umpire, arbiter.

"to which indeed you were called in one body;" – If we have peace in our hearts, we will be at peace with others in the church.

"and be thankful." – When there is peace in the heart, there will be praise on the lips.

### **3. Verse 16 – The Word Of God:**

Colossians 3:16

Ephesians 5:18-20 – But instead of the Word of God it is the Spirit of God. To be controlled by the Spirit is to be controlled by the Word!

Ephesians 5:18-20

"Let the word of Christ" – The Teaching of Christ; Whole Scripture.

"richly" – "abundantly or extravagantly rich;" hold it dear and that which is precious.

"dwell" – The word dwell means "to feel at home."

"with all wisdom teaching" – Positive, Imparting truth; "and admonishing" – Negative, warning of the consequences, bringing correction.

"one another with psalms" – The Psalms were the songs taken from the Old Testament.

"and hymns" – The Hymns were songs of praise to God written by believers.

"spiritual songs," – Should be spiritual in content.

"singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." – Heart should agree with the mouth.

### **4. Verse 17 – The Name Of God:**

Colossians 3:17 – "Whatever you do in word or deed," – This is comprehensive for all of life; Thought and action.

"do all in the name of the Lord Jesus," – This is glorifying His name.

“giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” – thanksgiving,  
Colossians 1: 3, 12; 2: 7; 3: 15, 17; 4: 2.

v. 15 – “and be thankful.”

v. 16 – “singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

v. 17 – “giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

**Application:** Spiritual Motivation for godly living is centered in Jesus Christ.

1. We forgive because Christ forgave us – Verse 13.
2. The peace of Christ that should rule in our hearts – Verse 15.
3. The Word of Christ should dwell in us richly – Verse 16.
4. The name of Christ should be our identification and our authority – Verse 17.