

Revealed, Part 12: Putting on the New Self

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

What is my life to look like now that I am in Christ? How do we live out this new life in Christ?

Three Action Steps:

- _____ this relationship with Christ (Colossians 3:1-4)
- _____ living in sin (Col 3:5-11)
- _____ these attitudes and behaviors (Col 3:12-17)

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, put on love —the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Key Thought: The motivation to change comes out of our new identity found in Christ.

Question: Who are we?

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved...

You Are:

1. _____ (1 Peter 1:1-2, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:3-6)
2. _____
3. _____ (Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 4:9-11,19, Romans 5:8, John 17:23, Romans 5:5)
4. _____ for all sin for all time. (Colossians 2:13-14)

Over-arching Instruction: Put on this new identity.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on...

Ephesians 2:3-5

We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His

great love that He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! (See also: Romans 13:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16)

Question: What are the attitudes and behaviors that we are to put on?

All of these attitudes and behaviors speak directly to our relationships with one another.

Eight Attitudes and Behaviors:

Colossians 3:12-14

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1. Put on heartfelt _____ (v. 12, Matthew 9:35-38)
2. Put on _____ (v.12, 2 Samuel 9:1-13, Ephesians 2:6-7, Titus 3:4)
3. Put on _____ (v.12)
4. Put on _____ (v.12)
5. Put on _____ (v.12)
6. Put on _____ (v.13, Proverbs 19:11)
7. Put on _____ (v.13)

Three Thoughts on Forgiving others:

- Forgiveness is an act of the will (Ephesians 4:32)
- Forgiveness is motivated and modeled by Christ (Colossians 2:13-14)
- Forgiveness is a process that we repeat
- Question: Is there anyone in your life that have not forgiven?

8. Put on _____ (v.14)
- Love is the agent that binds us together.

Question: How is living this way possible? How do we put on these attitudes and behaviors?

- Through _____ God's _____ (Romans 12:2)

Colossians 3:16

Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.

- By _____ of His _____ (Ephesians 5:18, Ephesians 6:17, Romans 8:5-6)

Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

- Through _____ with God's people