

“Dress Like Jesus”

Colossians 3:12-17

Colossians #12
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Big Idea: *God’s people should dress like those who belong to Jesus!*

I. By Putting | vv.12-14.

1. *Putting on as God’s chosen ones, Holy and beloved* [Christian identity].
 - a. Chosen ones: God chose us before the foundation of the world. “The elect of God” (KJV).
 - b. Holy: We have been set apart for God and for his purpose
 - c. Beloved: God chose us not because of anything good in us but simply because he loved us
Chosen, holy & beloved identity in the OT → Deuteronomy 7:6-8
Chosen, holy & beloved identity in the NT → Ephesians 1:4-55
2. *Putting on the Character of Christ* [Christian lifestyle].

“Put on” → means “clothe yourselves” with...

 - a. Compassionate hearts: Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others
 - i. (bowels of mercies, KJV) | The bowels were regarded by the Hebrews as the seat of the tenderer affections; especially benevolence and good will.
 - b. Kindness: Being friendly, generous, and considerate.
 - i. Ephesians 4:32 | “be kind to one another, tenderhearted....”
 - c. Humility: Having a true estimate of yourself, not thinking too highly or lowly of yourself.
 - i. Philippians 2:3 | “do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”
 - d. Meekness: strength under control; gentle spirit in willing submission to God and others.
 - e. Patience: longsuffering with others; forbearance, slowness in avenging wrongs.
 - i. Fruit of the Spirit → Galatians 5:22-23
 - f. Bearing: to endure patiently or put up with other.
 - i. God’s Character → Psalm 145:8
 - g. Forgiving: To pardon; do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to pardon
 - i. Matthew 18:21-22 | How many times should I forgive?
 - ii. Matthew 18:21-35 | The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
 - h. Love: the Greek word is “agape”, meaning good will, benevolence. It is beautiful self-sacrificing, unconditional love with which God loves us in Christ.
 - i. Matthew 22:26-40 | The Greatest Commandments
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 13 | The way of love

II. By Letting | vv.15-16.

1. *Letting the “peace of Christ” rule in your hearts.*
 - a. “Peace” → refers to the peace that Christ brings into relationships within the body of Christ
 - b. “Rule” → Umpire
 - c. “Called” → relates back to the word “chosen” in v.12;
 - d. Ephesians 4:3-4 | The bond of peace
2. *Letting the “word of Christ” dwell in you richly.*
 - a. The teachings of Christ
 - i. Colossians 1:5 | The word of truth, the gospel & Colossians 1:6 | The grace of God in truth
 - b. “Dwell” → refers to be at home in; to take up residency permanently.
3. *Letting the “singing of Christ” with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*
 - a. “Psalms” → refers to psalms in the Old Testament.
 - b. “Hymns” → refers to songs of praise to God.
 - c. “Spiritual songs” are just general songs with reference to spiritual matters.
 - i. Spiritual communicates the influence of the Holy Spirit’s filling in the believers acts of praise

III. By Doing | v.17.

1. *Doing everything in the “name” of the Lord Jesus.*
 - a. “everything” → means the whole of life. Everything in word, thought, deed, and attitude.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 10:31 | “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
2. *Doing everything “through” Jesus.*
 - a. This can only be done with dependency on Jesus and empowered by the Spirit
 - b. Colossians 2:6 | “just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.”

“Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.” ~ Romans 13:14 (NIV)