

## BEING CLOTHED IN CHRIST (Col. 3:12-17)

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**TEXT—Col. 3:12-17**

**MAIN IDEA**—Christians are uniquely called to be clothed in Christ in order to glorify and enjoy Christ as we show Him to others.

**MEMORY VERSE—Rom. 13:14**

**THE LOVE OF CHRIST (Col. 3:12-14)**—Through grace, believers are born into a community of saints that are governed by the love of Christ.

**2 Tim. 1:8-9**

**V12--\*Put on then...*compassionate hearts***—practice showing tender mercies toward others.

**Matt. 9:35-36**

**\*Put on...*Kindness***—This refers to showing goodness towards others, treating them well, and not harshly.

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### Titus 3:4-5

\**Put on...humility*—lowliness of mind or an attitude that seeks to serve and promote others.

\**Put on...gentleness* (meekness)—This is power under control or the willingness to suffer injury or insult rather than to inflict such hurts.

\**Put on...patience*—This is the opposite of being impulsive or ‘short tempered;’ it's being long tempered, enduring injustice and troublesome circumstances with hope for coming relief.

### 1 Tim. 1:15-17

### Jn.13:34-35

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Col. 3:15)**—Christians are a community of saints that God has called to live in the peace of Christ (i.e. peace with God, peace within, and peace with others).

### Rom. 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:21

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**Prov. 3:5-6**

**Phil. 4:6-7**

**THE WORD OF CHRIST (Col. 3:16)**—Christians are a community of saints that are called to be full of God's word and Spirit.

4 things we must do to let the Word dwell in us richly: 1-Heed the Word (**Matt. 13:9**); 2-Handle the Word (**2 Tim. 2:15**); 3-Hide the Word (**Ps. 119:11**); and 4-Hold it forth (**Phil. 2:16**).

**V16**—\*Psalms are OT Psalms put to music or vocal music in general (**Ps. 100:2**).

\**Hymns* are songs of praise that exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. \**Spiritual songs* probably means: singing truths of Scripture.

\*When the word dwells in you richly, you'll share the Word with others, teaching and singing it to God

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with a thankful heart. You'll be joyful, thankful, and submissive to God and others (**Eph. 5:18-6:8; Col. 3:16-4:1**).

**THE NAME OF CHRIST (Col. 3:17)**—Christians are a community of saints called by God to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23**

**Are you in Christ? Is your life surrendered to Christ? Come to Christ in repentance & faith?**

### **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. Look at Col. 3:12-14 again. Describe the difference consistently applying Christ's love (compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, forgiveness) makes or would make in your family life/relationships?**

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- 2. Discuss what it means to be ruled by the peace of Christ (Give personal examples/ OT Example-Daniel before & during the Lion's Den). Is. 26:3; Phil. 4:6-7**
- 3. Why is singing the word vital to letting the word richly dwell in us (Col. 3:16)? Ps. 16:11; Rom. 12:2; Ps. 119:11**
- 4. If we're to do all in the name of Christ, giving thanks to the Father through Christ (Col. 3:17) what difference should that make in our public and private life?**
- 5. Pray**