

**A Journey Through Colossians**  
**Week 12 ~ Clothing Ourselves with Godly Virtues**  
**Colossians 3:12-17**

**Key Concept: Right Thinking Leads to Right Living**

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Topics in this passage include:**

- Christian Attitudes (compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, love, etc.)
- Christian Ethos (chosen, holy, beloved)
- Christian Living (peaceful, thankful, godly)

**Asking the right questions:**

1. What does this passage teach about God?
2. What promises, warnings, or principles are taught in this passage?
3. What does/did God do, or what are His responsibilities?
4. What am I to do, or what are my responsibilities?

**The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**

Colossians 3:12 (NTL) – “Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

Rom. 8:29-30

Rom. 11:5-7

I Pet 2:8-9

Rom 9:11-12

1 Thes. 1:3-4

**Group Activity #1 - Study of “Put On”**

**Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**

Ex. 29:8-9

Ps. 132:9

Col. 3:10

Eph. 4:24

**Word Search**

Job 29:14

Isa. 61:10

Rom. 13:12

Eph. 6:11

- 1) What do these passages say about what is being put on, or the nature/purpose of what is being put on?

- 2) What does Colossians 3:12 tell us about how God views us?
  
- 3) How does God's view of us relate to our ability/responsibility to "put on" these qualities?

### **Group Activity #2 - Study on Forgiveness**

Use our questions on the following passages:

Matt. 6:14-15

Mark 11:25

Jas 2:13

Matt 18:21-35

Luke 17:3-4

- 1) What do these passages teach us about God's view of an unforgiving spirit?
  
- 2) What promises, warnings, or principles are taught in these passages?
  
- 3) What does/did God do, or what are His responsibilities?
  
- 4) What am I to do, or what are my responsibilities?
  
- 5) Think of the person who is the hardest person you need to forgive. Write out God's desire for you regarding this person.

### **Right Thinking is Required Before Right Living**

- All the requirements of this passage are predicated on having a proper understanding of how God sees us, and similarly, how He sees others (thus how we should see others).
  
- The way to right thinking is to "Let the word of Christ dwell [make its home in] you richly in all wisdom." Philippians 4:8 and Ps. 119 tell us that this occurs as we meditate on the words of God.
  
- Right thinking leads to:
  - ◇ Right teaching and instruction (with all wisdom).
  - ◇ Right attitudes (compassionate, humble, forgiving, kind, patient, loving)

### **Application & Self-Examination**

- 1) Does my life and my attitudes toward others, especially those closest to me, reflect the character qualities listed in this passage?
  
- 2) If not, it could be a sign of wrong thinking. What wrong belief do I need to confront with scripture?
  
- 3) What steps do I need to take to have my entire life be a reflection of God's name?