

Week 3 - 'All In': [Go All In on the Life God Offers](#) | Last = Put off sin / This = Put on righteousness

Titled = Pursuing Righteousness for two reasons:

- Proceed along a path...not attain perfection until Glory...pursue it...everyday
- Struggling in sin vs. Pursuing Righteousness | [Tape floor](#) | [Why are we pursuing righteousness?](#)
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Context – (11) Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, Barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

We belong to new kingdom where **differences** don't and cannot be allowed to define us
Unifies us = common beliefs and behaviors | Whose we are and what we do

Creed must be followed by conduct | Belief and behavior...[Christian conduct](#)

[Last week Big Idea – Having a Renewed Life in Christ Means Putting Sin to Death](#) Last = Put off...put on

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Temptation to think about self-preservation (how do I make it through & take care of me and mine?)

But when God raised us to life he had a much better vision **for** us...better vision **of** us

God called us to a life full of love: love we receive from God & love we reflect to God toward others.

This life isn't just a little better than the one we had before Christ, it's fundamentally different.

Remember your old self has died and the new self has been raised with Christ.

[We've been raised to life with Christ, sin...our old self was captive...destroyed, what takes its place?](#)

We need to bring Christ's love to life: put God's love into the middle of how we live, think, and relate

[So how do we bring to life the things that bring God glory and bring us joy, peace, and life?](#)

Remember metaphor Paul used: put on the new self. What we put on matters; it demonstrates:

Who we identify with - What we're doing – [JERSEY...1985](#) | [SUIT UP!](#)

[What are we suiting up for?](#) We're suiting up to identify with Christ...belief and behavior

[Isn't about the literal clothes...We pretend it is – we get tricked into thinking its about appearances:](#)

[Right clothes with a Christianese catchphrase, fish on our car, Bible verse meme on our Facebook](#)

- But that's not what we're talking about, and God forbid we let our faith so superficial.
[Instead, we're talking about what's inside: God didn't change our external appearance](#)
- He didn't change the: car we drive or the house we live in or how much money we have
[He changed our hearts...He changed our souls from dead to alive](#)

When we suit up spiritually: put on spiritual clothes...reflect hearts belong to Christ...on his agenda

[\(12\) Before he tells us what to put on, he tells us why by reminding us who we are:](#)

["God's chosen ones, holy and beloved" | What do we know for sure from this?](#)

You're not alive in Christ by accident: Jesus died for you; God has chosen you...[wasn't a random draw](#)

- You are the people of God; He loves you and chose you for his own | [Holy and beloved by God?](#)
Called to be set apart from the world for his purposes & glory. [Paul's = how we suit up...First...](#)

1. [Attitude of Care and Consideration \(12\)](#)

[Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, & patience](#)

- [Put on](#) – (aorist (air) imperative) immediate, urgent...do now! Don't put off putting on! [WHAT = 5](#)
- [Compassion](#) – (KJV) 'The bowels of mercies' I feel pit of my stomach...gut-wrenching...suffering
 - Deep heartfelt pain/ sorrow of others; a desire to help - Guard against a callous disregard
- [Kindness](#) – voluntary words/deeds of good will toward others
 - Generosity | Sweet disposition | Ready to listen and respond graciously | [BLOW MIND](#)
Same word – [Rom.2:4 'God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance'](#) | [Will it be kind?](#)
- [Humility](#) – honest and accurate estimation of yourself... in light of who God is...humbles us all
[Romans nor the Greeks had a word for humility | Paul coined a new word by combining two](#)
 - [First](#) was a word only of slaves; "lying low" or "being below others";
 - [Second](#) was "to think" – what he's saying is, consciously put yourself below others

Pagan writers borrowed term used it derogatorily – Christians – to them humility = pitiable weakness

[To God it is one of the most cherished Christian virtues](#)

- Lowliness of mind – knowing that we are not great and not pretending that we are
 - or someone who is great being willing to be treated as if he/she were less than others
- Recognizing we're unworthy, following example of Christ, being willing to give up our own rights.
[Humility is the antidote for the self-love that poisons relationships.](#)

[World shouldn't understand your humility... different...doesn't make sense anyone who's not in Christ](#)

- [Meekness](#) – power under control - willingness to suffer injury instead of inflicting it
 - Meek people do not resent wrongs done to them | Opposite of being harsh, rude
- Meekness should mark the Christian's behavior at all times: when restoring a sinning brother or defending the faith against attacks from unbelievers

- [Patience](#) – Refrain from acting anger | not taking vengeance | Giving an offender time to repent
 - Bearing with those who oppose us | Tolerance | Ability to suffer without complaining
- [Commentary = Staying with people who annoy us, rub us the wrong way...without irritation](#)
[If each one of these were articles of clothing...which ones would never leave the closet?](#)

[Suit up: Attitude of Care and Consideration](#)

2. [Actions of Forbearance and Forgiveness \(13\)](#)

[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.](#)

- [Bearing with one another](#) – Forbearance = To endure, to hold out in spite of being wronged
 - Put up with another – 'Hold me back' – Forbearance virtue...keeps you from handling...regret
 - [Forgiving one another](#) – The church as a whole is to be a gracious, mutually forgiving fellowship
 - Refers to times when someone is at fault because of sin, error, or debt.
 - Giving up your right *and* desire to punish behavior that deserves it
Will happen when we value our relationships with each other more than our vindication
[There are no relationships worth having where forgiveness isn't necessary](#)
- God takes forgiveness seriously – I know it's difficult because some have been seriously wounded
[Former pastor– Unforgiveness is like taking poison hoping the other person gets sick](#)

- Christ is the model of this forgiveness
[forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. \(GOSPEL\)](#)
Jesus pattern for forgiveness, because He forgave all our sins, errors, and debts...didn't deserve
[Are we clothed by attitudes of Care and Consideration...Actions of Forbearance and forgiveness?](#)

3. [Bound by Love \(14\)](#)

[And above all put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony](#)

- Love's the most important moral quality believer's life | Love encompass' entire list of qualities
Believers will never enjoy mutual fellowship through compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, or patience; they will not bear with each other or forgive each other unless they love one another.
[Suit up – Sash holds it all together](#)
[Nothing is acceptable to God if not motivated by love, including knowledge, and obedience](#)
[In the catalogue of virtues love should be the cover...FOLDER](#)

[Clothes make the man | Clothes do not make the man](#), Character makes the Christian

We should put on The new man that's reflected in new moral attire after the image of Him that created him. [Are we pursuing righteousness?](#)

I looked up other places Paul instructed us to 'Put on'

[Eph. 6:11 'Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil'](#)
[What are the clothes under the armor](#)

- [Compassion | Kindness | Humility | Meekness | Patience | Forbearance | Forgiveness | LOVE](#)
Putting on is to envelop yourself in character traits, which reflect our Lord Jesus Christ
Wrap yourself in these traits – Become so immersed in Christ, so focused on Him, that you resemble Him in your thoughts, words and deeds

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