

Lesson 6 COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Paul emphasizes that our salvation is secure. We are raised with Christ, not only in the future at His second coming when our resurrected bodies unite with Jesus for our eternal home, or at death when Jesus comes to take us to heaven, but also in our life today. We are already “new creations”, “born again” by God’s grace when we come to faith in Jesus. Now we need to apply that to our everyday lives.

Last week, we studied the things we need to “put to death” and “rid ourselves of”. Now Paul focuses on how we are to live our life.

1. In verse 12, what are we to clothe ourselves with? What does Exodus 34:6 and Matthew 9:36 say about God? Compare these attributes to the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-25.

2. Forgiveness is a cornerstone of Christian behavior. What does Matthew 6:12-15 say about this? Who modeled this in Luke 23:34? Who in your life do you need to forgive? It is an act of the will and not a feeling. Write a prayer asking your Heavenly Father to move in your heart to obey Him and to forgive others. There is freedom in forgiving.

3. Compare verse 14 to 1 Corinthians 13. What do you notice about “love” in these verses?

4. Read Colossians 3:15. What does it say is the result of clothing ourselves with the attributes discussed? What does John 14:27 and Philippians 4:4-7 say about peace? If there is a certain area in your life where you do not have peace, ask your heavenly Father for peace because we worship the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

5. What does verse 16 say about the Word of Christ? What does Hebrews 4:12-13 state? How important is the word of Christ in a community of believers? How have you seen these attributes play out in your church? In your workplace?

APPLICATION: We are told to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Which of these are a particular issue for you? Pray everyday this week for the Lord to help you clothe yourself with this virtue. (You will see a change in yourself)

PRAYER: Father of all compassion and mercy, we desire to be all you call us to be. Give us a deeper revelation of your love for us so that our hearts are moved by your love. Help us in those areas where we fall short. We praise you for your patience with us. May we show that same patience with one another. We thank you for our savior, the Prince of Peace, Jesus. Amen