



# Sermon Guide: Clothed in Christ - 04/26/26

**Text(s):** Colossians 3:12-17

**Big Idea:** Since we are in Christ, we must clothe ourselves with His character, pursue His peace, and let His Word rule our worship and fellowship.

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**Summary of the Sermon** - Because believers are united to Christ, we are called to live out our new identity by putting on His character, pursuing His peace, and letting His Word shape every part of life. Paul reminds the church that they are already chosen, holy, and beloved in Christ, so obedience flows from grace rather than earning acceptance. Christians are to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, and above all love, allowing the peace of Christ to rule their relationships and guard the unity of the body, the church. The Word of Christ is to dwell richly among God's people through teaching, worship, and mutual encouragement, so that in everything—whether word or deed—we live under the lordship of Jesus with thankful hearts

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## Discussion Questions

- 1. Paul begins by calling believers “God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved” before giving commands. Why is it important that our identity in Christ comes before our behavior? How does that change the way we pursue obedience?** (Each morning, remind yourself: *I obey from acceptance, not for acceptance*. Write down one way that truth changes your attitude each day.)
- 2. Which of these qualities feels most natural to you right now: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, or love? Which feels most difficult—and why?** (Choose one Christlike quality to intentionally “put on” this week. Pray daily for opportunities to practice it in your home, workplace, or church relationships.)
- 3. The sermon reminded us that church life means living with imperfect saints. Why is patience and “bearing with one another” so necessary in Christian community? How have others shown grace to you when you were difficult?** (Think of one person who frustrates you. Instead of criticizing them, pray for them each day and look for one practical way to show grace.)
- 4. Paul says, “As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” What makes forgiveness difficult? How does remembering Christ’s costly forgiveness help soften our hearts?** (Ask God to reveal any bitterness you are holding. If appropriate, take one step toward reconciliation through prayer, a conversation, or releasing the offense to God.)
- 5. What tends to “rule” your heart during conflict—pride, fear, self-protection, anger, or the peace of Christ? How can Christ’s peace become the deciding influence in tense moments?** (The next time conflict arises, pause before responding. Pray silently: *Lord Jesus, let Your peace rule my heart right now*.)
- 6. What does it look like for God’s Word to dwell richly in someone’s life—not just visit occasionally? How have Scripture, songs, or Christian encouragement strengthened you recently?** (Spend 10 minutes each day reading Colossians 3:12–17. Memorize one verse or listen to worship songs rooted in biblical truth.)
- 7. Paul says, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” What areas of life are easiest to surrender to Christ? Which areas are hardest to place under His lordship?** (Before a decision, conversation, or task, ask: *Can I do this in Jesus’ name with gratitude?* Let that question guide one important choice this week.)