

Colossians



At the Center of it All

Gospel Garments

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15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16Let 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. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

OUTLINE

1. **What** does it mean to “put on...”?
2. **Where** does the power to “put on” come from?
3. **When** do we know it’s happening?
4. **How** can we “put on...”?

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“If you have been raised with Christ...” Col 3:1

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1. **What** does it mean to “put on...”?

Definition: to clothe or be clothed with (in the sense of sinking into a garment)

2. Where does the power to “put on” come from?

Col 2: 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

2. Where does the power to “put on” come from?

“Self -made Religion”	God given Gospel
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Self declared righteousness (You raise yourself)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- God declared righteousness (You have been raised with Christ v1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submit to the rules (2:20-21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submit to Christ
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Find within yourself compassion, kindness, humility, patience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Find within yourself Christ who is fully compassionate, perfectly kind humble and patience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Put off / put on TO BE loved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Put off / put on BECAUSE you are loved “Holy and Beloved” v12

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Find it within yourself to forgive (until you can't)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (v13)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Col 2: 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, <u>but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Col 1: 29 For this I toil, struggling with all <u>his energy that he powerfully works within me.</u>

2. Where does the power to “put on” come from?

Romans 15:16 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

3. **When** do we know it's happening?

Col 3:15 “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” 16 “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.”

3. When do we know it's happening?

Psalm 119:45 45 ... I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.

4. **How** can we “put on...”?

Col 3: 12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...

- *How has Jesus been compassionate to you this week?*
- *How has the kindness of God appeared this week to you?*
- *How have you experienced the gentleness of God through the Holy Spirit this week?*
- *How have you experienced God being patient forgiveness with you this week?*

4. **How** can we “put on...”?

Col 3: 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- *Who do you want to share God’s compassion with (His deep love and feelings)?*
- *Who do you need to be kind to this week, with the power of the Holy Spirit working within you?*
- *Who might need an encouraging word, a song, a scripture ?*
- *Who do you need to forgive from the heart (and be patient with)*

4. **How** can we “put on...”?

Col 3: 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- *George Herbert “Death used to be an executioner, but the gospel has made him just a gardner.”*
- *Luke 10 19Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*