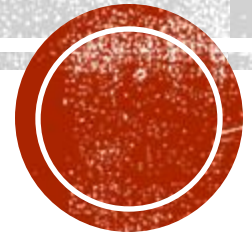


COLOSSIANS: COMPLETE IN CHRIST

CHAPTER 3:12-14 SO, PUT ON!



HEY EVERYBODY

1. What is a piece of advice you wish someone else would take?
2. Who do you have in life that you take advice or correction from? What's something they have recently given you helpful correction about?



RECAP: PUT OFF

Last week Mark discussed the “Put Offs” of 3:5-11

1. Did any of those “put-off” vices resonate as ones that are relevant to us
2. I’ve been meaning to give up slander, but I’ve been putting it off.
3. What kind of truth did Paul remind us of before he told us to “put off?”
4. What do you think is harder – acknowledging that something is sin, or quitting it?



LET'S READ IT: 3:12-14

A passage so nice, let's read it twice! Anyone have a different version?

1. What kind of truth does Paul begin his “put on” admonishment with, and why?
2. Generally, identity determines our thinking and action. Can you give an extra-biblical example of how this plays out?
3. Why does Paul specifically remind us that we are “Chosen of God, holy and beloved?”





- oiktirmós – properly, compassion (pity), i.e. deep feeling about someone's difficulty or misfortune
- What is our position with regard to compassion – how do we know we already have it in abundance?
- Who is God putting in your life that needs compassion from you on a regular basis?



- "useful, profitable" – properly, useable, i.e. well-fit for use (for what is really needed); kindness that is also serviceable, refers to meeting real needs
- What is our position with regard to kindness – how do we know we already have it in abundance?
- Who is God putting in your life that needs kindness from you on a frequent basis?



- tapeinophrosýnē ("lowliness, humility") is an inside-out virtue produced by comparing ourselves to the Lord (rather than to others). This brings behavior into alignment with this inner revelation to keep one from being self-exalting (self-determining, self-inflated)
- How have you found God brings about humility in your life?
- Why do you think we are so resistant to humility?



- Strength controlled for the good of others. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart” in contrast to anger, rivalry, and self assertion
- How does it bless you when someone treats you with gentleness?
- What opportunities do you think God is giving you to grown in gentleness towards someone else?



PATIENCE

- “If in English we had an adjective 'long-tempered' as a counterpart to 'short-tempered,' then makrothymia could be called the quality of being 'long-tempered'”
- What identity or positional truth do we have that helps us be long-tempered?
- What opportunities do you think God is giving you to grown in patience towards someone else?



1. God experiences the full range of emotions, from jealousy and anger to peace and love. What is so special about love?
2. What enables us to see reason in giving up our own rights to bless others? When does it “make sense” to love?