

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1:

Identity: Putting On
(Colossians 3:12-17)

Slide 2:

Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 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. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Slide 3:

The "therefores" are always attached to unshakable truths.

Slide 4:

You can't really hurt a person whose identity is in Christ.

Slide 5:

3 Questions to ask of the Positive Terminal of Faith

- 1) Why are we able to "put on" new clothes (Reason)
- 2) What are those new clothes (Function)
- 3) How are we able to put on new clothes (Motivation and Power)

Slide 6:

WHY?

Indicatives: Statements of truth in the Already

Imperatives: Statements of requested obedience in the Not Yet

Slide 7:

Already Elected, Already Holy, Already Beloved
Eklektos, Hagios, Agapao

Slide 8:

WHAT?

5 Virtues: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience

Slide 9:

Romans 13:13-14 (ESV)

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **But put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Slide 10:

1) All of the clothes (virtues) are used and witnessed in relationships

Slide 11:

2) All of the clothes become the glue for community in the Body of Christ

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"...bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other"

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HOW?

"...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..."

Slide 14:

"Let the Peace of Christ Rule" = Umpire the conflicts

Slide 15:

We have to submit into an Experience with Christ and into the Bigger Story.

B. GROUP QUESTIONS

1) Read Colossians 3:12-17. What stands out to you in this text? What is confusing? What do you like about it?

2) What is the difference between doing something because something has already happened, vs doing something so that something will happen? How do we answer people when they question that if Grace comes first, and security as well, what motivates a Christian to mature?

3) How would you explain the theology of Election to someone? How does living caught in time interfere with our understanding of Election? What are the applications of being Elected?

4) All of the virtues work and are noticed in community. What does this tell us of their importance and function? What does this tell us of the Christian community?

5) Have you had an experience with the Gospel? Can you share that experience?

6) Prayer and praise