SERMON QUOTES SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2018

"Killing sin cannot make you new. Peel the old self off as often as you like, but it always comes back…unless Jesus undragons you and dresses you in new clothes. Then you can put on what you have been given in Christ. And in having what Jesus gives, killing sin reveals not that you are trying to be new, but that you *are* new."

"Our struggle with sin is that too often, we build our identity on something other than Jesus. We get what Paul David Tripp calls "identity amnesia" which "always leads to identity replacement". We search horizontally for what we've already been given vertically."

"Putting off sin is not first something we do; it's something – no, someone - we know. Set your mind on your new identity and you can look at whatever little god is in your life (career, success, marriage, relationships, pleasure, leisure, etc.) and say, 'You aren't my life, Jesus is.'"

"God's design for Community Bible is for us to be a place for all people – mono-lingual and bi-lingual; from every race and ethnicity; the whole and the broken; Republicans, Democrats and Independents; strugglers and conquerors; millennial and baby boomer; male and female; believer and doubter. What unites us is not our sameness, and what we champion is not our diversity. Jesus is ultimate. He is everything. And because He is everything, we're called to love all people well to the glory of God."

"Our new self is supposed to look more and more like the One who created and sustains every corner of the universe."

"Put on tender-hearted mercy (compassion), put off indifference, harshness, and insensitivity (3:12). Another way to say this is put on empathy (the ability to understand and share the feelings of others). Compassion is costly. It's hard and inconvenient to enter in the pain of others, but Christ calls us to it."

"Put on kindness, put off disinterest (3:12). Kindness is a cousin to compassion. We can't express genuine care for others without taking genuine interest in them."

"Put on humility, put off self-love (3:12). Humility is about valuing others above yourself, about considering their needs as more significant than your own. "

"Put on meekness, put off self-importance (3:12). Meekness embodies almost all of these former qualities. Meekness isn't being docile or dependent. It's stronger than that. A meek person simply isn't that impressed with themselves. They live out their God-given gifts without thinking too highly of them or taking advantage of others in the expression of their gifts."

"Put on patience, put off annoyance (3:12-13). This patience is not primarily about waiting patiently for the slow and inexperienced cashier to move you through the line at Publix. The patience expressed here is the God-like patience shown to sinners. It's a patience with others. It is the willingness to wait for God to complete his work in the lives of others on his timetable, not ours. When we are patient with others, we don't get annoyed with their idiosyncrasies, lack of spiritual progress, and the fact that they don't quite measure up to what we want them to be. Think of how many conflicts could be avoided in the church if we

would simply stop demanding that people become what we think they should be, and if we patiently waited for God to reveal his work in others?"

"Put on forgiveness, put off offense (3:13). Offense demands retribution. Offense demands acknowledgement of wrong. Offense demands justice. Offense demands that people know we have been hurt. God says, "put those things off." Say "yes" to forgiveness. Forgiveness absorbs the painful consequences of sin against you (e.g., the Gospel). Forgiveness cancels the debt (doesn't bring it up again to the offender, others, self). Forgiveness determines to do good rather than harm (love your enemies)."

"Put on love, put off animosity (3:14). Love is the finishing piece to this seamless garment. Love is the spiritual lubricant that eliminates relational friction. Love is the unifying force that, without out, nothing else matters (see 1 Corinthians 13)."