

(Re)Think – Advent

Our Delivery

Colossians 3: 9-11

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The world places a bigger emphasis on preparation for and celebration of the full season leading up to Christmas. The Church, including our church, needs to RETHINK Advent. We've discussed rethinking our direction and desires over the last two weeks; today, we focus on rethinking our delivery – the way we impact the lives of others.

- **Our Delivery must be Perceived Differently ... Avoiding Past Practices**

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

- **Our Delivery must be Perceived Differently ... Anchored in the Word**

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

- **Our Delivery must be Perceived Differently ... Applied to Those in Need**

11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

THE ADVENT APPLICATIONS

- Followers of Jesus are to live authentically before one another and as an example for others.
- The impact of the Word of God in the life of a Christian should become increasingly evident.
- We cannot show the love of Christ to those in need if we don't even see them; we won't see them if we intentionally look away from them.

Next week, we will focus on Colossians 3: 12-14 and Rethinking our Devotion with some ways to think more expansively to how we show love during Advent.