



# Colossians

*How to DRESS for "Success"*

*3:12-17*

# REVIEW

- **Christ in you, the hope of Glory (1:27)**
  - Walk in the TRUE circumcision (2:9-11)
  - Buried & raised up (12) Forgiven; Cancelled Debt; Disarmed “rulers”
  - Enemies steal your walk with “knowledge”
- **New Life – set your mind/thoughts (3:1-4)**
  - “Make dead” the old sinful ways (3:5-8)
  - “Take Off – passions and actions of old self (8) stop lying! (9)
  - Put on the new self! – renewed in His image! (3:10,11)
  - No separations in the Body! (11) Christ is all!!!
  - This attitudes would change any church!

## TIME TO RESPOND! VS. 12

- **Chosen** of God - “as those who have been”
  - *eklektos* – chosen, choice, selected, elect
  - You **are** this!!! God has called you by the cross (John 12:32)
- **Holy** *hagios* – this is how God sees you now...
  - Are we acting like this??? See 3:1-11 and find out...
- **Beloved** *agapao* perfect, passive
  - This is DONE in God’s eyes! He does it
  - This is essential to know and remember
  - Does it change the way you live to know this
  - It is what makes changing easy...

## REVEALED “WARDROBE”

- Put on [same “new self” in vs 10]
  - This time, imperative... *enduo*
  - We need to do this, once and for all...
  - If you are not clothed with this, then what ...
- 1. Compassion (*oiktirmos*) (Ro 12:1; 2Co 1:3)
  - Mercy, tenderhearted – bowels/heart, yearning
  - We need to be touched and touchable...
  - Do we care about the needs of others?
  - The is a “foundational” garment... underlies all
  - High Priest - wore undergarment of servants

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## 2. Kindness (*chrestotes*)

- Mild, pleasant, gentle, moral goodness
- One of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22)
- Caring for the feelings of other (Ti 3:4; Ro 11:22)

## 3. Humility (*tapeinophrosune*) (1Pt 5:5)

- Ph 2:3 – the mind of Jesus, all the best of this
- Not the false stuff of “pseudo teachers” (2:23)
- This is a mind set when we know we are loved

## 4. Gentleness (*praotes*) (Ga 5:23, 6:1)

- Another Fruit of HS, meek – as Jesus was/is

# REVEALED “WARDROBE”

## 5. Patience (*makrothumia*)

- endurance, steadfastness, perseverance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> fruit of HS mentioned
- Why is this so important? Hint: Ro 2:4!

## 6. Bearing (*anechomai*)

- To hold up, to sustain, to bear, to endure
- Do we have any flaws that people endure?
- Ga 6:2; Eph 4:1,2,32; Ro 15:1
- This is a key “one another-ing” of Scripture
- God will clothe us and keep us covered here...

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## 7. Forgiving (*charizomai*)

- From the root of *charis*... graceful, pardon, forgive
- This is not when we are not hurt, but when we are!
- Note: Complaints... fault finding... we are hurt!!!
- Admit it and take it to Christ for healing...
- NOTE: first one with an example
- As Christ forgave you... we need the reminder
- Does Mt 18:21-35 come to mind here?
- Mk 11:25; Lk 17:4; Mt 6:7-15
- Would these “coverings” make us different?

# REVEALED “WARDROBE”

- A final piece to your ensemble....

## 8. The CLOAK of Love (*agapēn*)

- Goes above all, foremost and first
- Marks us as the true disciples of Christ (Jn 13:34)
- Love covers...
- 1Co 13... hardly even knows...(5)
- *Sundesmos* – bond, binding, a belt/girdle... (2:19)
- *Teleiotes* – PERFECTION!!
- Love is the bond of perfectness for us...
- ...such dressed people could change the world forever...