

TITLE: Clothing yourself with the virtue of AGAPE LOVE

Sunday outline and points using torn stained shirt to Jacket as prop

1. **READ TEXT**
2. **Today marks a change in the book of Colossians, where the apostle Paul moves from telling the church what NOT to do and begins to tell them what they should be doing as new creatures in Christ by using the putting off and putting on principle** **(USE COAT CHANGE)**
Put off the old self (Sin) and Put on the new self
3. **Steve read text...and explain FIRST THREE WORDS...chosen (Eklektos), holy (hagios) and beloved (agapeo)**
4. **then explain context from text-Justification, Sanctification, Glorification**

POINT 1: ALL OF US WHO ARE ALIVE AS BELIEVERS on earth ARE IN THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS...Learn to Listen to the Holy Spirit 100%!

Practice doesn't make perfect.....but it does make it permanent!

5. FINISH EXEGETING TEXT WITH FOLLOWING POINTS

POINT 2: ANY and ALL relational challenges can be restored with AGAPE LOVE!

Every family dynamic, Every marriage (husbands and wives), Every friendship gone sour, Even distain for another person, Every kid with parents, Every parent with kids, Every workers

with co-workers or management, employees with employers, Even democrats with republicans..... you name the relationship issue and I...(NO JESUS) will give you the solution...**AGAPE** **your neighbor as you agape yourself!** The Great Command, the Royal Law per James

POINT 3:

Love (Agape) is the goal and the test of maturity for a disciple of Jesus

John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ **"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."***

Tattoo this to your brain.....not a tattoo superficially inked "on" you, but the mark of love that can be seen coming "out of you" from the heart-

SEE AGAPE DEFINITION, **1 Cor. 13**

POINT 4A: Forgiveness of others is the litmus test of Agape

I can hear Jesus say, *"How dare you not forgive someone else, when I have forgiven you EVERYTHING":* **See the Lord's prayer-**

MATT 6

OUCH!!!-Sadly my Dog does a better job of Love than a lot of Christians

POINT 4B: You may need help from pastors or professional counselors dealing with severe trauma or issues in the past, but YOU will stay in bondage, a victim forever-where a root of bitterness will eat you up like cancer if you don't get a handle on this one...

SERIOUSLY, Don't WHY let someone steal your joy?

AND don't blame me for bringing up forgiveness of others repeatedly, I know I have preached this repeatedly

before... but it continues to come up over and over...right from God's Word ☺)

POINT 4C: Without forgiveness of yourself AND others, you CAN'T AGAPE OTHERS....

It's why this is one of our CORE VALUES-NORTH SUMMIT: "We will be known by our LOVE for others"!.....

This can ONLY be done through the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, as YOU CHOOSE each day what clothes you are going to put on..... See COL. 1:8 as there aren't many things you can do in your own strength...PERHAPS IF WE ARE HONEST...NOTHING!!!!

7.FINISH EXEGETING TEXT

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord help us to live Holy Lives by Loving OTHERS as you Love Us!

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