

## Scripture:

Colossians 3:11-13

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. 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.

## Notes:

Differences and Diversity

- Differences and diversity in the church are one of its hallmarks
- Differences are to be embraced and celebrated, YET...
- In Christ, we all stand as one.
- The cross of Christ is the great equalizer

John 14:6-9

...if you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him...Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

God's Work

- He chose us
- He set us apart
- He loves us

New Clothes

- Characteristics of Christ
- Characteristics of Grace
- Treat others as you have been treated by God.

THIS WEEK

1. Connection — In Christ, we have a new identity AND a new community.
2. Gratitude — Give thanks to God this week for being chosen, being set apart, and being dearly loved.
3. Imitation — Be like Jesus. Follow Christ's example in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forbearance, and forgiveness