

Put On Christ Colossians 3:12-17

We Are To Wear Christ

Beginning verses 8-10, uses "put off" and "put on" to describe necessary to grow as Christians
He continues this in verse 12, expanding on things are to "put on"
Examine vs 12-17 - things must "put on" be properly adorned disciples of Jesus

The Character Of Christ 12-14

Eight Virtues We are to "Put On" **2Peter 1:5-7**

Two describe How we are to treat others...

Heart of Compassion – benevolence, compassion, pity – tender mercy

Kindness--Benignity, kindness

Two depict State of mind we are to possess... **Philippians 2:5-8**

Humility – Humble opinion of self; a deep sense of moral littleness; modesty, lowliness of mind

Meekness--Gentleness, mildness

Three relate to How should act when mistreated

Longsuffering--Patience, slowness in avenging

Forbearing--To sustain, to bear, to endure, bearing with one another

Forgiving one another--to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favor to, gratify; to grant forgiveness, to pardon" Forgiving others demanded, because we are forgiven by Christ!

The final virtue mentioned is Love... **1Corinthians 13:4-7**

Greek agape--meaning good will, benevolence

It is described by Paul as "perfect bond of unity"

"binds everything together in perfect harmony" all virtues together (like a belt)

W/out love, no other virtues last; w/it, others easily maintained

Together, These Display "Character of Christ"

Are they not the qualities of Jesus that endear us to Him?

We must wear the character of Christ! - **Colossians 3:10**

Begins with "seeking the heavenly" **3:1-4**; "slaying the earthly" **3:5-9**

The Peace Of God 15

This "Peace of God" Must Rule in Our Hearts

Does not happen automatically, but we must "let" or allow it to take control

Because were called to be at peace in one body (the church)!

Jesus died on the cross to make peace! - **Ephesians 2:14-18**

Disrupt peace of church, disrupt work of Christ on the cross! - **Ephesians 4:3**

Contention and strife is among those who are not letting peace of God rule in their hearts

Peace in body (church) begins with peace ruling in our hearts!

It must start with our setting our minds on things above - **Colossians 3:1-2**

Only "spiritual" mind can enjoy peace from God - **Romans 8:5-6**

It is experienced as we engage in thankful prayer - **Colossians 3:15**

Connection between thankful prayer and peace of God clearer - **Philippians 4:5-7**

Comes as follow teachings and example of apostles - **Philippians 4:9**

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Certainly world (and many churches) would be much better place if all who profess Jesus to be Lord so adorned themselves

Four other motives are given... **Colossians 3:12-13** *God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, Lord has forgiven you*

Are not these reasons sufficient to "Put On Christ"?