

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 3:12-17

Put on Christ

INTRODUCTION

PUT ON CHRIST IN IDENTITY (12A)

God's Chosen Ones

Holy

Beloved

PUT ON CHRIST IN ATTITUDE (12B)

Compassionate Hearts

Kindness

Humility

Meekness

Patience

PUT ON CHRIST IN ACTION (13-14)

HOW TO PUT ON CHRIST IN IDENTITY, ATTITUDE, AND ACTION (15-17)

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon is that Christians are in Christ and so we must put on Christ, and especially those aspects of Christlikeness that foster unity and peace within the church. The main takeaway is to do exactly as Paul commands, seeking God's help to believe we are who He says we are and then clothing ourselves with all the things he lists as a means of glorifying God and strengthening His church.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Had you ever considered the Christian life to be defined in part as a continual putting off (of sin) and putting on (of Christ)? Is that idea easy for you to see in Colossians 3? How does that idea land on you?
3. What has been the hardest aspect of ungodliness for you to "put off" and the hardest aspect of Christlikeness to "put on"?
4. "There are many who falsely believe they can put on Christ without putting on His people" What do you think of that idea?
5. "Putting on Christ is about who you are before it is about what you do." Have you been operating out of that conviction? If not, why not? If so, what has that looked like in the most practical terms?
6. Do you like the idea of being chosen by God? Why/not?
7. Does it seem to you as if you are holy? Do you believe God's promises that you will be holy? How are those two ideas related?
8. When it comes to God's love, most people wrongly respond in one of two ways. "You either think, 'Of course. Why wouldn't He love someone like me?' or you think 'There's no possible way He could love someone like me.'" Which do you tend toward?
9. How do you tend to respond when people in the church sin against you? Why that way?
10. Which of the five putting-on-Christ attitudes is most and least natural for you in times of conflict within the church (compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience)? Why do you think that is? What are you doing in response to it?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Read through the [sermon manuscript](#) and look up the various passages cited in it for the various aspects of putting on Christ.
13. "Put on" one aspect of the nature or attitudes of Christ listed by Paul in relation to a current conflict you're experiencing.
14. Apologize to someone you've sinned against and ask for their forgiveness. Forgive someone who has sinned against you.
15. Artistically capture (song, poem, drawing, painting, etc.) the idea and glory of putting on Christ.
16. Share the good news with someone that they can be forgiven by God and put on Christ.
17. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God that He is sovereign, holy, and love. Praise God that Jesus is the perfect example of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing, forgiving, and loving. Praise God that He is merciful and gracious.
19. Confession. Confess ways you've refused to put on the things of God. Confess failure to believe you are who God says you are. Confess cruelty, meanness, pride, self-centeredness, impatience, indifference, unforgiveness, and lack of love.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for choosing you, making you holy, and loving you. Thank Him for being compassionate, kind, and patient with you. Thank Him for bearing with us and making us a people.
21. Supplication. Ask God to help us put on Christ and to see Paul's list as the treasure it is. Ask God to help us believe what is already true of us in Christ. Ask God to fill us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Ask God to mend the broken or hurting relationships among us.