

# SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 3:12-17

Put on Christ - Part 2

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **PUT ON CHRIST IN IDENTITY (12A)**

### **PUT ON CHRIST IN ATTITUDE (12B)**

### **PUT ON CHRIST IN ACTION (13-14)**

*Bearing with One Another (13a)*

*Forgiving One Another (13b, c)*

*Loving One Another (14)*

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

## **CONCLUSION**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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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. Unpacked a bit more, putting on Christ means remembering who we are in Jesus (chosen, holy, beloved), putting on the attitudes of Jesus (compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience), and putting on the actions of Jesus when there is conflict among us (bearing with, forgiving, and loving one another).

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you tend to do when another Christian sins against you or otherwise makes your life harder?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how much practical help do you imagine this passage providing the next time you are sinned against?
4. In general, do you tend to put more effort into putting off sin or putting on Christ? Why do you think that is?
5. Paul charges his readers to put on Christ in identity, attitude, and action. Which is typically easiest and hardest for you?
6. When someone sins against you, do you tend to respond hot or cold?
7. What does it look like for you to bear with someone who has sinned against you? What's one way you could grow in it?
8. Bearing with one another is a commitment to one another that is greater than our commitment to our own comfort, because that's how Christ bears with us and because that's what God designed the church for. Had you ever thought in those terms?
9. What's the hardest thing for you to forgive? What would it look like to forgive as Christ forgives in those situations? Do you tend to forgive that way? What does your answer say about your understanding of the gospel?
10. Think for a minute, what's your operating definition of love? When you say you love someone, what do you mean practically?
11. What's the best definition of love that you've heard? What's at stake with getting it wrong?
12. Had you ever thought in terms of loving someone as giving them all that God requires of you (which is what's best for them)?
13. Is it easier for you to discern what's best for a person or give it to them?
14. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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15. Pick one aspect of putting on Christ in nature, attitude, or action, share it with someone in your DG, and get after it this week.
16. Apply Paul's charge to put on Christ in action with one person you're currently experiencing conflict with. Bear with them in a fuller way. Truly forgive them. Love them by giving them all that God calls you to. Get help if needed.
17. Pick one aspect of one relationship with someone in your life and learn all that God calls you to in it (what it means to love).
18. Ask for forgiveness from someone you've sinned against.
19. Share the gospel with someone, that they might know the love and forgiveness of Christ and His Church.
20. 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

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21. Adoration. Praise God that He is sovereign, holy, and love. Praise God that He is compassionate, kind, gentle, and patient. Praise Him for His mercy and grace. Praise Him for being triune and personal in nature.
22. Confession. Confess any fear, love of comfort more than righteousness, unforgiveness, and lack of love (in knowledge or action). Confess an unwillingness to bear with, forgive, or love the people of Grace Church. Confess gossip and slander.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God that He bears with you, forgives you, and loves you. Thank God for the people of Grace Church.
24. Supplication. Ask God to help us be the kind of people Paul describes. Ask God to heal any broken relationships within Grace Church and among His people. Ask God to help us know more fully what love is and to love more fully.