

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 3:12-17

Put on Christ - Part 3

PUT ON CHRIST IN IDENTITY (12A)

PUT ON CHRIST IN ATTITUDE (12B)

PUT ON CHRIST IN ACTION (13-14)

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

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts (15)

Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly (16)

1. *Teaching and admonishing in all wisdom.*

2. *Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs together.*

Let the Name of Jesus Compel You Thoroughly (17)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In a very real way, vs.15-17 are all about answering the question: How do we put on Christ in identity, attitude, and action? Paul writes that we do so by letting the peace, Word, and name of Christ rule, dwell in, and compel us. The main takeaway is to do just as Paul says and purposefully yield to the Spirit's work in these ways.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. In practical terms, what truth from Colossians 3:12-17 has most helped you prevent or restore broken relationships?
3. Which aspect of putting on Christ would you most like God's help in putting into practice?
4. How would you describe the relationship between the gospel of Jesus and Paul's charge to put on Jesus?
5. What percent of your life/our church is being ruled by the peace of Christ? What's keeping it from being higher?
6. Would you describe the word of Christ as dwelling in you richly? Is it richer in quantity or quality in your life?
7. Which aspect of the word of Christ is clearest to you—its goodness, beauty, or truthfulness?
8. Are you better at teaching or admonishing others with the word of Christ?
9. When is singing most natural to you? What's the relationship between dwelling in the word of Christ and singing?
10. Would you describe yourself as a thankful person? How does your answer show up in your daily life?
11. Have you ever thought of yourself as Christ's ambassador at all times? Are you a good ambassador?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Find, memorize, meditate on, and rehearse one specific promise of God that speaks to an area of fear or anxiety or sadness or grief you are experiencing.
14. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Find and meditate on a few passages in the Bible that describe the goodness, beauty, and truthfulness of the word of Christ. Begin a Bible reading plan today. Share something you find particularly helpful in the word of Christ this week with someone. Teach one person and admonish another. Be familiar with the songs we sing.
15. Let the name of Christ compel you thoroughly. Do a quick inventory of the main aspects of your life. Consider whether or not you are doing them in the name of Jesus. Find one way you are and thank God. Find one way you aren't and repent.
16. Give thanks to God. Make a list of the blessings of God in your life. Keep it in front of you and add to it throughout the week.
17. Find one way to apply this passage in one of your relationships this week.
18. 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

19. Adoration. Praise God for being peace. Praise Him for being good, beautiful, and truth. Praise God for being perfectly unified in His nature. Praise God for being the greatest treasure. Praise God for being preeminent in all things.
20. Confession. Confess any ways you've contributed to disunity within the church. Confess anxiety, fear, or worry that are not ruled by the peace of Christ. Confess any dislike of or indifference for the word of Christ. Confess a failure to take in the word of Christ in quantity or quality. Confess a lack of teaching, admonishing, or singing the word of Christ.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the peace of Christ and the gifts of the church. Thank God for the riches of the word of Christ. Thank God for the biblical songs and Christians who are gifted in song writing. Thank God for making you an ambassador.
22. Supplication. Ask God to fill Grace Church and all His churches with the peace of Christ. Ask Him to cause His people to let the word of Christ dwell richly in us. Ask God to help us be better ambassadors for Christ in all that we do.