

CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

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Colossians 3:12-17

I. _____ to Take Off. [Colossians 3:5-10]

II. _____ to Put On. [Colossians 3:12-17]

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” [Colossians 3:17]

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Warm-up. When you were a child, did you dress up as a superhero and pretend to have a superpower? Who was your favourite hero and what was your favourite power to pretend to have?

Read Colossians 3:12-17. Pray God blesses your fellowship / study.

1. Colossians 3:2 says that we are to set our *“minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”* Why can this be difficult to do at times?
2. Read through the list in Colossians 3:5-10 of things that we are supposed to be actively putting off as we grow as Jesus’ followers. Are some of these more challenging than others? Verses 9-10 says that *“you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”* How does the fact that God is actively recreating us help us put off the things in the list?
3. Read Colossians 3:12-13. Like the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians, we must learn to rely on God to create these traits in us. Have you ever tried to create these traits in yourself without God’s help? Why was that challenging?
4. Colossians 3:15 reminds us that we are called to be one body - the body of Christ. Why is it important that we allow God to produce the traits listed in verses 12-13 in us as a church community? How will we change as a church as we allow God to help us live out these traits? How will we impact the community outside of our church as we do this?
5. What do you think it means to *“let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”*? [Colossians 3:16]
6. Colossians 3:17 finishes this section by saying *“whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* What does it look like, practically, for you to live with this in mind in your home? Workplace? Neighbourhood?

Pray.