

Bible Study – July 7, 2021
Colossians 3 – All Dressed Up and Someplace to Go

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 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. ¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. ²² Slaves, obey your earthly master in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality.

In the final two chapters of Colossians, Paul moved into the practical application of the doctrines he had been teaching. This section completes Paul's exhortation to the Christian to live a holy life. He exhorted his readers to put off the graveclothes of sin and the old life, and to put on the "graceclothes" of holiness and the new life in Christ. Paul explained four motives that ought to encourage us to walk in newness of life.

A. THE _____ OF CHRIST (Col. 3:12-14).

1. God _____ them (v. 12).
2. God set them _____ (v. 12).
3. God _____ them (v. 12).
4. God has _____ them (vv. 13-14).

Chosen by God, set apart for God, loved by God, and forgiven by God. They all add up to GRACE!

1. Put on _____ (Col. 3:12).
2. Put on _____ (Col. 3:12).
3. Put on _____ (Col. 3:12).
4. Put on _____ (Col. 3:12).
5. Put on _____ (Col. 3:12).
6. Put on _____ (Col. 3:13).
7. Put on _____ (Col. 3:13).
8. Put on _____ (Col. 3:14).

B. THE _____ OF CHRIST (COL. 3:15).

C. THE _____ OF CHRIST (COL. 3:16).

D. THE _____ OF CHRIST (COL. 3:17).
