

Alderwood Community Church
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New Clothes for a New You (Part 2)
Colossians 3:5-17

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Big Idea: Followers of Jesus are to rely on the Spirit of God and the Word of God to make choices that reflect who we really are and what we are becoming.

1. New Choices. (3:5, 8, 9, 12; Romans 6:7, 11-13)

2. New Motivation to Make the Right Choice. (3:7, 9b-10a)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. New Power to Make the Right Choice. (3:10)

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make the Child of God more like the Son of God.

4. New Clothes. (3:11-17) The behaviors, attitudes and values of followers of Christ

A. The _____ of Christ. (3:11-15)

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:35

(1) We love because He _____ us. (3:12)

“...Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:16-18

(2) We love others when we put _____ above our own.
(3:12)

(3) We love others when we _____ as fellow members of God's family. (3:11,15)

(4) We love others when we respond to their shortcomings and offenses _____ . (3:12b-13)

B. The _____ of Christ. (3:16)

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:31-32**

C. The _____ of Christ. (3:17)

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." **Colossians 3:17**

Sermon Questions:

1. What practical lessons do you learn about your own growth in Christ-likeness from the imagery of "putting off/putting on"?

2. In v.12 Paul reminds us of who we are in God's sight. Why is this important for growth in Christ-like character?

3. Which of the character qualities in **vv.12-14** do you need to add to your spiritual “wardrobe”? How, specifically, will you do that?

4. Paul tells us the peace of Christ must rule our relationships (**v.15**). What do Christians do to disrupt the peace of Christ in the community of believers?

What attitudes, actions, or words do you need to adopt to let the peace of Christ rule in your relationships?

5. In **v.16** Paul calls believers to let the word of Christ dwell richly in them. Read the following verses. How do they expand your grasp of what that involves?

John 15:7

James 1:21-25

2 Timothy 2:15

Psalms 1:1-3

6. How do you practice **v.17** in the day-to-day grind of your life?