

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. <sup>14</sup>Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

STUDY IT

- Review: Who are those “chosen by God”? How do the attributes of “holy and beloved” contrast who we were before Christ? (v.12)
- Underline the phrases above that we are to “put on”. Circle the phrases that we are to let dwell within.
- How does the list in verses 12-13 differ from the list in verses 8-9?
- What is the prominent attitude and action that we are to put on? (v.14) How does love bring unity to God’s people?
- What are some ways the church can encourage one another? How do you think the early church put these into practice? (v.16)
- What does it mean to “do all *in the name* of the Lord Jesus”? What would it mean for Christians to do such acts of service love by any other name? (v.17)
- How might gratitude keep believers grounded on Christ’s supremacy? (v.16, 17)

APPLY IT

- Do you believe that God has *chosen* you... and that you are *beloved*? (v.12)
- Considering what fleshly “clothes” we have put *off* (see vs. 1-11), how would more of these *attitudes* transform your life and relationships? (v.12-13)

CHRISTLIKE ATTITUDE	WHAT IT BRINGS TO ME & MY RELATIONSHIPS
<i>Heart of compassion</i>	
<i>...of kindness</i>	
<i>...of humility</i>	
<i>...of gentleness</i>	
<i>...of patience</i>	
<i>Bearing &amp; forgiving one another</i>	

- How can you *put on love* today each day? (v.14)
- What relationships are you feeling especially called to “let the peace of Christ rule”? (v.15)
- What acts of love are you demonstrating? Do you do them in the *name of Jesus*? Why/why not? (v.17)