

## PUTTING ON THE GARMENTS OF GRACE

Colossians 3:12-14



### Introduction

When the weather changes, we dress differently.

When we come to know Christ, we dress differently too.



There are things we put off – like an old garment.

And there are things we put on – the garments of grace.



I. We are to see ourselves as God sees us. Colossians 3:12

How does God see us?



- We have been chosen by God.

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

1 Peter 2:9

- We are holy in his sight.

Our sins have been taken away.

*“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”* Psalm 103:12

We have been set apart for a reason -  
to know him and to make him known.  
Mark 3:13-14

- We are dearly loved by God.

What happens to a child when they  
are deeply loved by their father?

When we understand how much God  
loves us, it changes the way we live.

## II. We are to treat others as God treats us. Colossians 3:12

Clothe yourselves with garments like  
these:



- Compassion – Showing mercy and tenderness toward the suffering.
- Kindness is defined as goodness or graciousness. It is love in action.

- Humility is having a right estimation of oneself. The humble know who they are in relation to God and others.
- Gentleness is the opposite of arrogance. It is strength under control.  
We are to teach with gentleness.  
II Timothy 2:23-26  
We are to evangelize with gentleness.  
I Peter 3:15

- Patience is the ability to wait on God in the midst of trials. It shows self-restraint when wronged.

## III. We are to respond to others the way God responds to us. Colossians 3:13-14

Forbearance is being patient and  
accepting of others in spite of  
their faults.



Forgiveness – If we are going to live together in harmony, we need to forgive one another when we sin.

We are to forgive just as the Lord has forgiven us.

The last virtue mentioned is the most inclusive.

Love – All the other virtues are manifestations of love.

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

### *Conclusion*

These are the garments of grace.

Before we can put them on, the old must be laid aside.



We must yield our life to Christ and let him change us from the inside out.

