MESSAGE OUTLINE



Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

INTRODUCTION

Today, we are moving from the death of the believer in Christ, to now looking at life—in the meantime—the new life in Christ.

The Bible is loaded with foreshadowing. To foreshadow in a Biblical sense, is God revealing things to prepare His people for the future events that are SURE to come.

Examples: the Passover, Israel, and Noah's Ark. Each taught salvation from destruction.

Today is the reality, and it is coming:
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. **2 Peter 3:10**

The Church are the saved.

"*There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make ALL THINGS new."*
Revelation 21:4b-5a

THE NEW STARTS IN YOU What does being made new look like and mean to you?

PUT THE NEW ON (vv.12-14)

Your Identity in the Church

The church is the elect or chosen, holy, and beloved *people of God.* But how can we say that?

Col 1:4 *"Because we have heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints."*

God has made **you**—PERMANENTLY and FOREVER—His beloved!
1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. **Psalm 136:1, 26 (NIV)**

From Wretch to Redeemed
We have come along, quite a long way. **Colossians 3:5-9a**

But how can this be? How can God want His son to be with someone like that?
We were a wretch: villain, brute, monster, savage, criminal, offender, beast, and even the word devil.

Good thing for the love and forgiveness of God! Because He redeemed us. This is what you were chosen for.

We don't want to put on our former clothes we were wearing, the filthy rags.

New Life Garments
But now, what we are to put on...

- **Tender Mercies -** the root - compassion from within your belly.
- **Kindness -** meet the needs of others
- **Humility -** Philippians 2:3 - *let each esteem others better than himself.*
- **Meekness -** Matthew 11:29 when Jesus said, I am gentle and lowly in heart.
- **Longsuffering -** *bearing with one another*
- **Forgiveness** - *as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

Do you do these things? How are you dressed? Have you put on the new in Christ?

Love - the bond of perfection making the living suit connected to your Spiritual nervous system.

The Christian is not supposed to be weak, but meek: sensitive, but living fearlessly in the Lord.

INSTALL THE NEW (vv.15-16)
A shift in focus to the **internal application** of the chosen believer.

Chosen: is this really me? Be careful not to disqualify ourselves and others because of sin failures.

Because the challenges of your faith in life get tougher and tougher.

"In" #1 - Qualified
Let the peace of God ***RULE*** **(as QUALIFIED)** ***in*** your hearts.

This is our confidence through faith that gives peace:
Psalm 77:11 *I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.*

HIS WORK not your own.

"In" #2 Dwell
L*et the word of Christ dwell in* [us] *richly.*

What Paul means by the Word of Christ is the good news: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

THE OVERARCHING APPLICATION
The key word that applies to the "word of Christ" in the verse, is ***dwell.***

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

Faith is not a creed.
Faith is not a checklist. (mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love)
Faith is not inorganic.

FAITH IS ALIVE!!

Faith that saves is believing in the Son of God, Jesus, that He the one who loves you **FIRST** no matter what.

When you come to know His love, even while incomplete, you begin to live in new ways.

You can choose how you will live this day.

Do you remember HIS WORK in you? IT IS FINISHED!

CONCLUSION (v.17)
When Joshua was about to die, he gave his final address to the people.

He encouraged them to live for God, never to **FORGET** to worship Him, or the Lord would consume them.

As believers in Christ, we have nothing to fear concerning the wrath of God.

So Paul encourages us, like Joshua—to choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

And like **Joshua 24:14** - "*But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*"

Jesus is actually a Germanized form of "Yahweh is salvation." In English, we would say it as *Joshua*.

So will you serve the Lord, with everything you do, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him?

INVITATION
The Bible says **today** we can walk in newness of life.

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. **Psalm 118:24**

If you want to take off the old and put on the new, believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **(John 3:16)**

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