

Connect

Share a time when you felt like you were starting fresh or beginning a new chapter in your life. (ie new school, new job, new neighborhood, etc.) What were some of the challenges and joys of that experience?

Verses - Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV

Read aloud:

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

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.

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. **Focus on the specific virtues Paul encourages us to "put on"**
   How would you define each of these virtues? How can we practically demonstrate them in our relationships with others?

2. **Why is love considered the "bond of perfection"?** How does love connect and enhance all the other virtues listed in this passage?

3. **Read Colossians 3:15-16.** How does the peace of God rule in our hearts? Why is thankfulness so important for living a transformed life?

4. **What does it mean to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly?** How can we practically do this in our daily lives?

Share

5. **What are some of the challenges we face in putting off the old self and putting on the new self?** How can we support and encourage one another in this process?

6. **Read Colossians 3:17.** How does this verse summarize the message of the passage?

Discuss this from this week's message:
In the message, Pastor Jesse talked about how faith is alive and living in every believer, but we have a choice to let it live or not. How can (or should) we be motivated to serve the Lord through our faith?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.

Magnify

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer and reflection:

- ❖ What might you be able to confess?
- ❖ What can you praise God about who He is?
- ❖ What can you thank Him for?
- ❖ How can you serve Him better?