



Title | A Change of Clothes
Series | Toward Wholeness
Text | Colossians 3:1-17
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Sermon Notes

Colossians 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **5** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **7** In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. **8** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. **11** Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. **12** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Colossians 3:1-4. According to verses 1 and 2, what is Paul commanding Christ followers to do? What reasons does he give in verses 3 and 4?

Tuesday:

Read Colossians 3:5-9. List all the things we are to put off as believers. Which of these stand out to you?

Wednesday:

Read Colossians 3:10-17. List all the things we are to put on as believers. Which of these stand out to you?

Thursday:

In light of Colossians 3:1-17, what does it mean to clothe yourself with Christ and how can you do it right now? What changes might you need to make?

Friday:

In light of Colossians 3:1-17, what are the benefits of clothing yourself with Christ in terms of your identity, your experience of wholeness, your reward at the judgment seat of Christ, and your impact in bringing life to the world? What is the downside?

Daily Prayer:

Lord help me to clothe myself with Christ, to set my mind on what he has done for me, who I am in him, and how I can be like him, and to let my words and deeds flow from that in thankfulness. Amen.