

SHIFT

TURN YOUR WAYS

SERMON
STUDY

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Leader Corner

Set Your Mind - Pt 2

Colossians 3:12-17

Paul under the influence of the Holy Spirit penned super verses that beg the Colosse church to compare the old pre-Christian self with the new Christ-follower self. In doing so, he compared what they were to put off, “put to death” or “put away” in the list of earthly destructive selfish characteristics that dominated mind and action (last week’s sermon) and what they are to “put on” to change and reset the mind to be like that of Christ. For a similar list, harken back to Ben Miller’s sermon and the sermon study from June 9. I am certainly not a runner, but I know that serious long-distance runners not only have to cast aside (“kill” if you will) certain things and a defeatist mindset. But they must also put on certain things to go the distance (muscle, stamina, and a very different mindset). Are you ready to get clothed with the virtues of Christ and run the new race set out for you where Jesus has already secured your victory?

Main Idea: Followers of Jesus are chosen ones with a new identity and mindset to live up to the new identity

Main Practice: Putting on Christ’s virtues (compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love) as we admonish one another in all wisdom to do all things under the authority and direction of the LORD with thankfulness to God the Father.

Main Teaching: Colossians 3:12-17

Refocus with Praise

Have someone pull up Consumed By Fire’s “Walk with Jesus” and listen to the lyrics about what it means to put on Jesus’ virtues and walking with Him. How does the following lyric from that song strike you?

*He's in the leading, that's why I follow where He goes
He's in restoring, all the lost and broken souls
He keeps moving rich in mercy, He meets us where we are
No matter where you've gone, no such thing as 'gone too far'
I'm gonna live the way He says to live
Do what He says to do*

with Prayer

Spend some time praying the psalms that have dwelled in you richly, bringing about thanksgiving and wisdom.

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Principle

1. Read Colossians 3:12-17 in ESV, NIV, and/or NLT.
2. Why does Paul begin by reminding us who we are on God's sight?
3. What contrasts do you see between the "clothes" of the "old self"/earthly nature and the "new self"/the "chosen?"
4. Just like in the Philippian church with Euodia and Syntyche, Paul here recognized that grievances can occur in the church. How are his instructions for handling grievances different from the way our culture handles them?
5. What does it mean for the word of Christ to dwell in us richly? Read also Ephesians 5:18-20.
6. Why does Paul in just six verses remind the Colossians three times about giving thanks/being thankful?
7. How would your day or daily routine be transformed if you were to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus?"

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Practice

Which aspects of the Christian virtues in verses 12-14 do you need to clothe yourself with in your relationship as husband or wife, as parent with child, as employer or employee, as servant or leader at church? Discuss with your small group how you can remain "properly clothed" and begin by praying for one another over this.

For Further Focus

Let's go shopping! Read and discuss the following verses about what we are to "wear" or "put on" or think on: Romans 13:14, Ephesians 6:11-17, Philippians 3:8, and I Peter 5:5. By His Spirit and with His strength you can be properly dressed to receive Him upon His return.