Staying the Course: The Right Attire

Colossians 3:12-22

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Colossians 3:12-22: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. [13] Bear with each other and forgive one another. If any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. [14] And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. [15] Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. [16] Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. [17] And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. [18] Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. [20] Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. [22] Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ the image of Christ

_____ attributes: Therefore, be clothed as God's chosen people through grace, sanctified, and deeply loved with…

Colossians 2:12 (JOT)

_____ realigning: Wives submit to your husbands as appropriate to the Lord. Husbands sacrificially love your wives…. Children obey your parents… because it will please the Lord. Fathers don't be overbearing or you will crush the spirit of your children. Slaves obey…as to the Lord…masters realize that you have a heavenly Master….

Colossians 3:18-21 (JOT)

2. _____ God's make over

Embrace love: Put up with one another through forgiveness. If someone has a grievance against another, forgive as the Lord forgave you. In everything embrace the love of Christ! The love of Jesus is the "body building" plan for maturity and strength! Colossians 3:13-14 (JOT)

_____ the Word: 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. Colossians 3:16 (NKJ)

_____ through gratitude: Let the peace of Christ guide your hearts and minds… you are called to peace. Use every opportunity to develop thankfulness!... Express your thanks to God by doing everything, in thought, word, and action reflecting that Jesus is Lord of your life! Colossians 3:15, 17 (JOT)

3. _____ to move toward wholeness

_____lift: So, if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along…absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ….

Colossians 3:1-2 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are you tired of the burden of the old ways of death? Are you overwhelmed with a sense of despair or hopelessness? Are you struggling to find purpose and meaning? God's deepest desire is for you to accept His love. God created you in order to love you, completely and unconditionally! This is why Jesus came into our world and suffered on a cross. As Jesus said: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 (NIV)) No one can save themselves. Each person must accept what God has done for them in Jesus. This is a gift of grace for each person. Accept this gift and acknowledge that you need God's help and you will experience the power of hope and peace in Jesus Christ! This week continue the Colossians study and let the image of Christ grow in your heart!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NKJ: New King James Version; MSG: The Message.