

**Putting on Christ (Part 4)**  
**Colossians 3:12-17**

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**Theme: If we want to live for our glorious Savior—we must increasingly put on Christ.**

**But how do we put on Christ? We must take four decisive actions. Those actions are:**

- I. Embrace our New Identity (v. 12a)**
- II. Clothe Ourselves with Christ's Character (v. 12b)**
- III. Display Christ's Conduct (vv. 13-14)**
- IV. Pursue Christ's Priorities (vv. 15-17)**
  - A. Relational Peace (v. 15a)**
  - B. Continual Gratitude (v. 15b)**
  - C. Word-centered Worship (v. 16)**
  - D. Christ-exalting Excellence (v. 17)**

- 1) Change in our lives is a constant occurrence. Describe some changes you have gone through over the past several years that were difficult. Be sure to mention why they were difficult.**
  
- 2) God expects every person who has been born again to begin maturing spiritually. (Col 1:28) Many thought and behavior changes will have to take place. Some of these changes are difficult. What are the opposing forces that make them difficult? (See Eph 2:1-3)**
  
- 3) We know from prior lessons that putting on Christ is a crucial part of becoming the person Jesus intends for us to be. Why would "pursuing His priorities" be so important in this process?**
  
- 4) a. What are the three dimensions of relational peace?**  
  
**b. What Scriptures can help you find peace in each of these dimensions?**

- c. In Col 3:15, who does God intend to be the recipient of this peace through you?
- 5) a. How many times is gratitude mentioned in verses 15-17?
- b. Why do you think the expression of gratitude from His people is important to the Lord?
- 6) In verse 16, why do you think wise teaching and worshipful singing have the effect of making the word of Christ dwell richly in us?
- 7) In the final point under “Pursue Christ’s Priorities”, the word “excellence” can cause trouble for some people. Does that word mean “perfect”, or “pretty good”, or something in between? How might the actual phrases in the following verses help your understanding? (“do all in the name of the Lord” in verse 17 and “do all to the glory of God” in 1 Cor 10:31)
- 8) Since we finished with verse 17, can you think of one task or responsibility in your life where you are falling short of doing it in the name of the Lord or doing it to His glory? How can you change that and when will you do it?