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Bound By Love

Colossians 3:9-14

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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…

Colossians 3:9-14

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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.

Colossians 1:15-16

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15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities

Colossians 3:9-10

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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.**

Colossians 3:9-12

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See People As Christ Sees You

11 Here there is not Greek
and Jew, circumcised and
uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave, free; but
Christ is all, and in all.

4 Categories

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- Greek/Jew
- Circumcised/Uncircumcised
- Barbarian/Scythian
- Slave/Free

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Treat People As Christ Treats You

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

5 Attributes

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- Compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience

Compassionate Hearts

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- Literally - Sympathy from the gut
  - Genuine sensitivity and heartfelt sympathy for the needs of others.

Kindness

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- Literally - Acting charitably
    - More than being nice - grace that pervades your whole person

Humility

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- Acting the right size
    - More than being nice - grace that pervades your whole person

Philippians 2:8

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8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Meekness

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- Literally - Strength under control
    - It is someone who's reaction to someone else is under perfect control.

Patience

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- “The ability not to become frustrated and enraged but to make allowances for other's shortcomings, and to tolerate their exasperating behavior”
    - Not giving in to the temptation of retaliation or bitterness

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Forgive People As Christ Forgives You

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.

Matthew 5:39-40

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39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But
if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the
other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your
tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

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Love People As Christ Loves You

14 And above all these put
on love, which binds
everything together
in perfect harmony.

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Love is the binding force that makes all virtues genuine rather than cold or isolated.

John 13:35

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35 “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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- Who do you need to see differently?
- Who do you need to treat differently?
- Who do you need to forgive?
- Who do you need to love?