

“Putting on the New Clothes of the Christian Life” 2/01/09

Colossians 3:9-17

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”

ILL- vagrant who dresses terribly receiving inheritance and still dressing the same
OLD MAN’S VICIES to NEW MAN’S VIRTUES

POINT 1- Dressing up with Christ will reveal certain CHARACTERISTICS

- A. The characteristics of our new life will include being RENEWED
(2 Peter 3:18; Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 4:16; What is God teaching you now?)
- B. The characteristics of our new life will include spiritual EQUALITY
(Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 2:11-17; Bi-vocational pastor with employer)
- C. The characteristics of our new life will include a life of VIRTUE
(Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:4; 2 Pet 1:10; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 4:2)
- D. The characteristics of our new life will include FORGIVENESS
(Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14; 18:21-35- 70 X 7!)

*"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."
(Mar 11:25)*

- E. The characteristics of our new life will be rooted in LOVE
(John 13:35; 1 John 3:14; 4:20; Eph 4:3; 1 Thess 4:9; 1 Peter 4:8)
- F. The characteristics of our new life will include peace and GRATITUDE
(Rom 5:1; Phil 4:6-7; Eph 5:20; 1 Thess 5:18; 2 Thess 1:3; **Phil 2:14**)

*"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

- G. The characteristics of our new life will include living in the WORD
(saved- Rom 10:17; trained- 2 Tim 3:16-17; guided- Ps 119:105;
counseled- Ps 119:24; revived- Ps 119:154; restored- Ps 19:7;
strengthened- Ps 119:28; sanctified- John 17:17; warned- Ps 19:11;
nourished- 1Pet 2:2; prospered- Josh 1:8-9; freed- John 8:31-32)

"The word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." (1Thess 2:13)

- H. The characteristics of our new life will include living Jesus’ NAME
(1 Cor 10:31; Phil 1:21; Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:24)

Going Deeper God wants you to put on Jesus, let His peace rule in your hearts, be thankful, and let the Word dwell richly in you!