

Put On the New Man
Colossians 3:10-13, Matthew 18:23-34

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Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

I. Renewed according to Christ's image. Colossians 3:10-11
The verbs "**put off**" and "**put on**" are a one time and complete action, however, the Greek verb "**renewed**" is a present participle and is better translated as, _____ *being "renewed"*.

- "In spite of the ravages of sin, man still bears the _____ of God." (Wiersbe)

II. Pieces of your new wardrobe. Colossians 3:12

The new man is not only **elect** because the Lord called the person; they are also **holy** because the Lord has set them _____; and they are **beloved** (literally; a much loved person) by God.

1. **Tender** _____.
2. **Kindness**.

When we live _____ lives we will be tenderhearted and kind to one another.

3. Humility.

"Humility is not thinking poorly of oneself. Rather, it is having the proper estimate of oneself in the _____ of God." (Wiersbe)

4. Meekness.

A Christian has the same power that rose Jesus from the grave living inside of them; but the awesome power a Christian possesses is _____ by the same Spirit as well.

5. Longsuffering.

"Longsuffering shows how humility will effect my reaction towards others; I will not become impatient, short, or filled with resentment towards the _____ and sins of others." (David Guzik)

III. A Christ follower must forgive. Colossians 3:13, Matthew 18

"Learning how to forgive is one of the _____ of a happy Christian life." (Wiersbe)

- We are not told to offer forgiveness to someone because they deserve it, we offer forgiveness _____; the same way we received it.

Jesus teaches one of the worst _____ we can find ourselves in, is one of our own making by choosing to not forgive.

1. Why should believers live differently than they did before they were saved?

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2. Read **Colossians 3:12**. What do the terms **elect, holy and beloved** mean? Discuss the pieces of our new wardrobe found within point II. of the sermon note sheet.

3. What should be our motives for "putting on the new man"? What old sins have you discarded since you became a Christian?

2 Corinthians 5:14, Acts 20:24, Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 John 1:9

4. Read **Colossians 3:13** and **Matthew 18:23-34** and discuss the trappings of unforgiveness as well as the benefits of forgiveness in Christ.

5. In **Matthew 18:23-34**, what was the response of the first servant to the second servant's plea for mercy in **vs. 30**? What was the master's response to the first servant in **vs. 32-33**? What does the master do with the unforgiving, first servant in **vs. 34**?

6. In **Matthew 18:23-34**, how could the unforgiving first servant ever expect to pay off his debt while he is incarcerated with the torturers (**vs. 34**)? How should we forgive others who have wronged us and owe us a debt?

Matthew 6:12, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12-13

7. Discuss the Practical Application of this sermon.