

**Colossians: Jesus Over All
Dressed For Relationships 9/11
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Sermon Teaching

Big Idea: When Christ rules our hearts, His character transforms our relationships.

1. Put On Christlike Character

¹² Therefore, as **God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **Colossians 3:12 (NIV)**

- **Compassion:** sees the hurt of others and moves toward them.
- **Kindness:** is love in action.
- **Humility:** is valuing others above yourself. – Philippians 2:3-5
- **Gentleness:** is strength under control.
- **Patience:** chooses grace over frustration.

Which Attribute needs work?

➔ You don't just wear Christ on Sunday—you put Him on in every relationship.

Notes: _____

2. Forgive Others the Way Christ Forgave You

¹³ **Bear** with each other and forgive whatever **grievances** you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **Colossians 3:13 (NIV)**

Important Truths About Forgiveness:

- Forgiveness is not approval of sin.
- Forgiveness is not forgetting.
- Forgiveness is not immediate trust or reconciliation.
- Forgiveness is releasing the debt to God.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)**

"God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us **all our sins.**" **Colossians 2:13b (NIV)**

- your sin is removed
- your debt is canceled
- your past is covered

Is there someone I need to forgive?

➔ Forgiven people forgive people.

Notes: _____

3. Surrender To Jesus and Let Him Reshape Your Relationships

¹⁴ And **over all** these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **Colossians 3:14 (NIV)**

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 **word of Christ dwell in you richly** as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you **sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude** in your hearts to God. 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. **Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)**

➔ When Christ rules your heart, He reshapes your relationships.

➔ "What am I putting on today?"

Notes: _____

My Next Right Step:

- Put on one Christlike quality in my relationships: Choose one trait: Compassion
 Kindness Humility Gentleness Patience Forgiveness Love
- Forgive someone - Release one person or situation to God
- Let Christ's peace & His Word guide my responses

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Talk It Over

Leader Focus:

- ✓ Review questions beforehand so you are prepared
- ✓ Honor your time commitment as a group.
- ✓ Keep discussion relational, not reactive
- ✓ Reinforce grace, humility, and unity

Welcome & Icebreaker (5-10 Minutes)

Icebreaker Question:

If you could choose one quality that makes relationships easier (patience, kindness, humility, forgiveness, etc.), which would you like more of in your life right now and why?

Read the Passage Together: Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon Review

1. What stood out most to you from Sunday's message?
2. What challenged or encouraged you the most from Colossians 3:12-17?
3. Why do you think Paul begins by reminding believers they are "chosen, holy, and dearly loved" before giving commands?

Digging Deeper

➤ **Put On Christlike Character (Colossians 3:12-14)**

Paul tells believers to "clothe yourselves" with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

4. Which of these qualities comes most naturally to you?
5. Which quality is most difficult for you to consistently display?
6. How does remembering your identity in Christ help you live out these qualities?

Read Philippians 2:3-5

➤ **Forgive Others the Way Christ Forgave You** (Colossians 3:13)

7. Why is forgiveness often so difficult?

8. What is the difference between forgiveness and excusing someone's behavior?

9. How does remembering Christ's forgiveness toward us help us forgive others?

Read Romans 12:17-19

Read Matthew 18:21-35

➤ **Let the Peace and Word of Christ Lead Your Relationships** (Colossians 3:14-17)

10. What does it mean for the peace of Christ to "rule" in your heart?

11. How can God's Word dwell more richly in your daily life?

12. Verse 17 says to do everything in the name of Jesus. How might that change the way we communicate during conflict?

Personal Reflection

Take a moment and consider:

Is there a relationship where I need to show more compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, or patience?

Is there someone I need to forgive?

Is there an area of my life where I need to allow Christ's peace or Word to guide me more fully?

This week, choose one of the following:

- Practice one Christlike quality intentionally every day.
- Reach out to someone and seek reconciliation.
- Spend five minutes each day reading and reflecting on Colossians 3:12-17.
- Pray daily for a difficult relationship.

Prayer Time

Pray for:

Stronger relationships within families.

Unity within the church.

Hearts that forgive quickly.

Opportunities to reflect Jesus in daily interactions.