

COLOSSIANS

CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED

WEEK OF 11/02/25

WE ARE THE JESUS CHRIST SHOW—THE MIC IS HOT!

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Silence (1-2 minutes)

Sit silently for a minute as a way to center your heart and invite the Holy Spirit to help you listen to and receive God's Word.

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Devotional

In the first two chapters of Colossians, Paul reminded us of the supremacy of Christ – His supremacy is our sufficiency! The last two chapters of Colossians fleshes out how we are to live in light of this truth. We are hidden in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places. Our identity in Him has become our primary identity. We are called to put on – or clothe ourselves – with this new identity. And while our other identities (e.g., culture, ethnicity, or nationalities to name a few) are still real and should be appreciated, our joint allegiance is to Christ. We are now part of a new community that transcends the division our other identities can cause. What does that look like for us?

1. Consider Paul's metaphor of "clothing ourselves" - putting off one set of garments for another. How do you decide what you will wear?
2. If you have a particular style of clothes you like, what draws you to that style? What do you want your appearance to communicate?

Read Colossians 3:12-13 | We have been chosen by God to be holy and beloved. This is true not because of anything we have done, but because God has desired to give us this identity. We do not earn it; it is GIFTED to us in Christ. "You don't have to perform like a spiritual circus act to earn His love." With our new identity comes new "clothes." These are virtues we are to fortify ourselves with. Compassionate hearts. Kindness. Humility. Gentleness. Patience. The call to put these on is not a suggestion; it is command. It is active. And it is communal. They can only be done in the presence of other less than perfect believers.

3. What does it mean to be “elect” or chosen?
4. In what ways do you try to earn God’s love and acceptance? How would embracing this truth change how you live?

In whatever setting you might find yourself, if you are interacting with other people, you are bound to get offended or hurt. This is no less true in church. As we learn and grow in these virtues, we become more proficient in “bearing with one another” and forgiving one another.

5. Why is it important that we forgive one another? What makes forgiveness difficult?

Read Colossians 3:14-17 | “Love is the belt that holds it all together... Without love, verse 12 becomes a checklist. With love, duty becomes desire.” We are transformed by Christ’s love. This transformation does not happen overnight or in isolation. We need each other. We need encouragement, and sometimes correction.

6. Paul gives three primary instructions here: Let the peace of Christ rule; let the word of Christ dwell; and do everything to the name of Christ. Which of these is most difficult for you? If you’re reading this in a small group, how can we help one another in areas of struggle?
7. Verse 17 says, “And whatever your do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Everything means – well – everything! Where or when is it hard to do what glorifies the Lord Jesus? Share as you feel comfortable.

The tag on this message is: We are the Jesus Christ Show – and the mic is hot. The Jesus Christ Show is a weekly talk show on an LA radio station where hot Neil Saavedra takes live calls and seeks to answer questions as Jesus would. Before the start of each show, Saavedra prays a simple prayer: “Your words, not mine. Your show, not mine. Help.” We may not have a #1 rated radio talk show, but we do have an audience. People in our spheres of influence that observe how we live our lives. Every word we speak, every action we take, every post we make – someone is listening, watching, and learning. We are communicating something about our Savior in everything we do. It can feel overwhelming to consider how our lives can communicate Christ to others. But remember: we do nothing in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

8. Take a few moments to consider the prayer, "Your words, not mine. Your **will**, not mine. Help." Are there specific areas or relationships in your life where you need to pray this prayer? Spend some time talking to God about it.

Closing Prayer

Lord, help us to put on the new clothing of holy, beloved, redeemed children! Help us as we consider how we might spur one another on to love and good deeds. Remind us that we lean on You to empower us to live in ways that are pleasing to You. Our desire is to do all in Your Name and for Your glory. Grant us this desire, we pray. Amen.

Share Prayer Requests (10-15 minutes)