

Colossians 3:12-14 Put on Charity

1. New life in Christ (Review)

- a. The circumcision of Christ; the operation of God: you **are** crucified with Christ (Col 2:11-13, Gal 2:20)
- b. **Wherefore** if ye be dead; if ye then be risen: this is your motivation. You are dead, and your life is hid in Christ with God. (Col 2:20, Col 3:4, Rom 6:11-12)
- c. Let no man beguile you of these truths! Christ is our life... **therefore**... (Col 2:18, Col 3:5)
- d. Mortify: Subdue, bring under subjection. Your body was purchased by God for service to your Head (Christ). (1 Cor 6:9-20, 1 Cor 9:23-27, Col 2:19)
- e. This one thing I do... (service to the Lord). As the new man there is only Christ. Your identity is in Him. (Phil 3:13-14, Col 3:11)

2. Put on therefore • Colossians 3:12

- a. "Therefore," (Second time this chapter.) What's the motivation? Again: Our life in Christ.
- b. There are actions that becometh a saint. Walk according to **who you are**. (Eph 5:3, Phil 1:27)
- c. Walking after the Spirit is walking after the truth of God's word rightly divided, understanding who you are **in Christ**. (Col 1:9-10, Col 2:2-3)
- d. The fruit of the Spirit is produced when we operate in accordance with a renewed mind. Ignorance and error will not do. Thank God for His grace! (Eph 5:22, Rom 5:20-21)

3. Forbearing one another • Colossians 3:13

- a. **Forbearance**: Slow to anger, holding back, patience, long suffering
- b. **Forgiveness**: Remission of debt or penalty
- c. What did Christ do for us? (Learning and understanding this is the continued motivation for our service!) (2 Cor 5:18-19, Rom 5:6-11, Gal 6:14, Col 2:13)
- d. Contrast Colossians with:
 - i. Matthew 6:12-15 Forgive or you will not be forgiven.
 - ii. Matthew 18:34-35, the servant who did not forgive would not be forgiven.
 - iii. In the body of Christ, you've been forgiven and you are at peace with God (Rom 5:1-2, Col 1:14)

4. Above all • Colossians 3:14

- a. **Charity**: desiring to see **the truth** work in others. Speaking **the truth** in love. (Eph 4:15-16)
- b. This is what Paul is doing for the Colossians. (Col 1:6, 11)
- c. Charity does not fail (cease, vanish away). (1 Cor 12:31, 13:8)
- d. Charity is the end goal of your understanding. It's not all about you, but the edification of the body. (1 Cor 13:1-3)
- e. "...wherewith one may edify another..." (Rom 14:19, 1 Cor 10:23, Eph 4:29)