

# Threads

## Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> 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.

- How many of you would say you're a clothes person? Well, you know then what you wear says a lot about you. If you know someone well it can tell you someone's mood, tell you if they are trying to impress someone, have a job interview.
  - o And it takes quite a bit of time as well.
- We all have our favorite styles, that we go to.
- Some of think way too much about what we are going to wear and others of us don't think nearly enough about it.
- But it's not just about clothes, we do it with our schedule, but we call it putting things on our plate,
- But if we care so much about our clothes and things that we carry and we will take on people's problems and burdens.
- Do we care enough about spiritual things as well?
  - o In today's culture we are constantly intaking and processing things but what lens do we have on? What threads are we putting on to guard ourselves and help us as we cipher what gets into our hearts.
- Vs 12 Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and deeply love
  - o Paul is giving a directive here but, he answers who and why
  - o As God's chosen people holy and deeply loved that is why
  - o We do it because we are his and if we claim him, these are things that we need to do not as a good idea but a commandment.
- What are you putting on?
  - o Are you constantly changing? Because when you change you just keep adding layers on
    - Illustration of putting on clothes.
    - We live in a culture that is hypersexual, hyper academic, hyper social,
- What should you be putting on?
  - o Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

- Love
- To make these things happen
  - The peace of Christ must rule in us
    - Rule - it must rule in us.
      - Rulers do not share the power over their dominion. Jesus does not want you to give power to other things in your life.
      - This is not saying other things are bad but it's saying that when we change for certain things and put on facemasks, and clothes we are not allowing the threads and what God has clothed us with to be seen in how we live!
    - We cannot become consumed with everything that life is throwing at us. Because when we do it, we become unable to move, unable to think, depression sits in, anxiety sets in.
    - We start to carry the weight of everything but that is not how we were created to live. We are not to carry the weight of those things
  - But rather we are supposed to clothe ourselves with the name of Christ and with the things of Christ
- So that whatever we do whether word or deed we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ