

Extreme Makeover

Colossians 3:12-17

Introduction

I The Privilege Of The Believer

- A. We are God's **chosen** people - Jn 15:16; 1 Pt 1:1-2, 9
- B. We are holy - Col 1:21-22
- C. We are dearly **loved** - 1 John 4:9

II The Lifestyle Of The Believer

- A. We are to **clothe** ourselves with: - Eph 4:21-24; Col 3:5-9
 1. Compassion - 1 Pt 3:8
 2. **Kindness** - Gal 5:22-23
 3. Humility - 1 Pt 5:5; Phil 2:3-4
 4. **Gentleness** - Eph 4:2
 5. Patience - 1 Thess 5:14; Prov 19:11
- B. We are to **bear** with each other - Rom 15:1-2
- C. We are to **forgive** each other - Mt 18:15-17; Lk 17:3-4
 1. Forgive as the Lord forgave you - Eph 4:32
- D. We are to put on **love** - Jn 13:34-35; 1 Cor 13:1-3
 1. Which binds them together in perfect unity - 1 Cor 13:4-7

III The Calling Of The Believer

- A. Let the peace of Christ **rule** in your hearts - Isa 26:3
 1. Since as members of one body you were called to peace
 2. And be thankful - Col 2:6-7; 1 Thess 5:16-18
- B. Let the word of Christ **dwelt** in you richly - 1 Jn 2:14

The Hand Illustration:

- Hearing: Romans 10:17
 - **Reading**: Revelation 1:3
 - Studying: Acts 17:11
 - **Memorizing**: Psalm 119:9, 11
 - Meditating: Psalm 1:2-3
1. As you **teach** one another - Neh 8:7-8; Rom 15:14
 2. As you admonish one another - 2 Tim 3:16-17; Col 1:28
 3. As you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
 - a. With **gratitude** in your hearts to God - Eph 5:19-20

- C. **Whatever** you do whether in word or deed:
 1. Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus - Col 3:23-24
 - a. Giving **thanks** the Father through him - Eph 5:20

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. If you could have an “Extreme Makeover”, what would you most like to have transformed in your life?
2. What contrasts do you see between the “clothes” of the old nature (Col 3:5-11) and the “clothes” of the new nature (Col 3:12-17)? What “piece of clothing” of Christ’s character do you think you most need? What piece would your family say that you most need? What will you do this week to “put on” this characteristic?
3. What do you find most difficult to “bear with” in others? What might God be teaching you through that person/situation?
4. Using the 5 aspects of the Hand Illustration, on a scale of 1-10, how “richly” would you say the Word of God dwells in you? With what results? What can you put into practice this week?
5. Read Neh 8:7-8 and Rom 15:14. Are you currently teaching someone the truths of God’s Word? If not, ask someone you respect to teach you to become a disciple-making Christian.
6. Paul exhorts us to “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” What areas of your life do you tend to “exclude” from this comprehensive command?
7. Take a few moments to yield your life to the examination of the Holy Spirit. Is there some aspect of your old life that you need to “put off”? Is there some aspect of your new life in Christ that you need to “put on”? Ask for God’s grace and power and then express your gratitude and thanksgiving to Him for His life-transforming work in your life.

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