



**Calvary Chapel South Bay
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“Putting Christ First”

Session 12

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“Don’t do it for you”

Last week, Paul talked about putting off the old man and putting on the new. This week, his word to us is, don't do it for you and how it makes you look, but **“whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”** (v.17). In other words, do it for His glory, not yours! When you **“put on”** the ‘garments’ of v12 & v13, you are in essence putting on Jesus Christ; for it is in His image you are being remade. This passage is not about a self-improvement program, but about putting Christ first by your conduct. It is about showing the world who Christ is and what He has done by doing the same for **“one another.”** And it is an expression of **“love”** and **“thankfulness”** toward Jesus. When we do what we do to make ourselves ‘a better person,’ we are still focused on self rather than putting Christ first. So as you look to **“walk”** according to the new man, remember to examine your motives, and make sure you are doing it all for His glory and His purposes.

Passage: Colossians 3:12-17

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Colossians 3:10

Look back at the previous passage. As we **“put on the new man”** and are **“renewed in knowledge”**, whose **“image”** are we reflecting?

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-13

What are the characteristics of that ***“image”*** that we are looking to put on?
What identity do we now have that requires us to put these things on, according to verse 12?

Scripture: Colossians 3:13

What reason does Paul pinpoint for us to bear with and forgive ***“one another”***?

Scripture: Colossians 3:14

The phrase ***“above all these things”*** has the sense of giving a principle that is the essence of all the things of verses 12 & 13 we are putting on. What is this overriding characteristic for all ***“these things”***? When we put this on, what is it described as?

Scripture: Colossians 3:15

When we have this attitude of love, and the actions described in verses 12-13, what will ***“rule”*** our lives? What should be our response to Jesus as a result?

Scripture: Colossians 3:16

What does Paul tell us we must let ***“dwell”*** in us if we are to put on the new man, and what are we to do with it? With what spirit are we to do these things?

Scripture: Colossians 3:17

For what purpose are we to put on the new man in our **“words”** and **“deeds”**?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

It is so easy to make our walk with Christ be all about us. What did Paul say in this passage that will most help you to be sure to make your motive ‘putting Christ first’? How can thankfulness to God help you not make it all about you?

Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you come to a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Word, so that it dwells in your life richly, and brings forth the fruit of His nature in your walk.

Hide God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:17