

Put On Therefore...

Introduction –

1. Col. 3:12-14 – 8 things to put on
2. This passage is speaking to those who've been risen with Christ or put on Christ in baptism (Col. 2:11-12) + their responsibilities
3. put to death the old man (Col. 3:3,5,8-9)
4. Not enough to just put off the old, must be Putting on the new man

Discussion --

I. Tender Mercies (Bowels of Mercies)

A. Col. 3:12

B. hearts filled with mercy or compassion – Sympathetic pity or concern for the suffering or misfortunes of others

C. Christ as our example

1. Mt. 9:35-38 – moved to pray Ch. 10 appoints apostles
2. Mt. 14:14 – heals the sick

3. Mt. 14:15-21 – 5 loaves + 2 fish – fed 5000 men

D. 1 Jn. 3:16-18 – love in action not word/tongue but deed/truth

E. Rom 12:13 “Distributing to the need of the saints” :15 “Weep with them that weep” 1 Cor. 12:26  
“Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it”

F. Matt. 5:7 - “blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”

## II. Kindness

A. Col. 3:12

B. Eph. 4:32 “Be ye kind one to another”

C. Fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23

D. God has showed us kindness through sending His son

1. Eph. 2:4-7 --- .

2. Titus 3:3-7

## III. Humility (Humbleness of Mind)

A. Col. 3:12

B. Philippians 2:3-4 – defines Humbleness of Mind

C. Acts 20:18-19 – Paul to the Ephesian elders

D. 1 Pt. 5:5 b/c God resist the proud but gives grace to humble (Prov. 3:34)

E. Matt. 18:1-4 - must become humble as children

F. Matt. 23:12 - whoever exalts himself will be humbled/ he who humbles himself will be exalted

#### IV. Meekness

A. Col. 3:12

B. Gentle, humble, submissive to God. (Humble and gentle toward others, willingly submissive and obedient to God)

- Note, meekness does not mean we allow ourselves to be “trampled on” by others, or that we are weak; but rather a quiet humility - a meek person doesn’t jump to defend themselves without thought.  
Jesus - 1 Pt. 2:18-24

C. Gal. 5:23 – fruit of the spirit (gentleness - NKJV, meekness - KJV)

D. 1 Tim. 6:11-12 – Paul urges Timothy to follow after meekness (gentleness)

1. 1 Pt. 3:15-16 – When giving a defense, we are to be meek

2. Correct those that err with meekness (humility) - 2 Tim. 2:24-26

3. Gal. 6:1 – restore others in a spirit of meekness (gentleness)

E. Mt. 5:5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

## V. Longsuffering

A. Col. 3:12

B. Fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22)

C. 2 Tim. 4:2 - required in those who preach

D. 2 Cor. 6:4,6 – one of the ways Paul approved himself as a minister of God was by longsuffering

E. 2 Pt. 3:15 , "The longsuffering of our Lord is Salvation"

1. 1 Pt. 3:20 – in the days of Noah (...waited [patiently])

2. 1 Tim. 1:15-16 – Paul and us today

## VI. Forbearance

A. Col. 3:13

B. Bearing with one another; patient self-control; restraint; tolerance

C. Eph. 4:1-3 “Forbearing one another in Love”

D. Gal. 6:2 “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

## VII. Forgiveness

A. Col. 3:13 - even as Christ forgave you

B. Mt. 6:14-15 – God forgives us only if we forgive others

C. Mt. 18:21-22 – Peter asks about how oft to forgive his brother

D. Parable of the Unforgiving servant - Mt. 18:25-35

## VIII. Love (Charity)

A. Col. 3:14 – above all these things

B. 1 Pt. 4:8 – above all these things have fervent charity

C. Prov. 10:12 – “Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins”

D. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 – speaking about spiritual gifts

E. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world...

Conclusion –

1. Have you been risen with Christ and put off the old man? Why not?

2. If you have, have you put on these things (list them)? Why not?

3. Invitation