

"Picked To Put On A New Way Of Living"

Colossians 3:12-15

OK. . . we found out we are a "new person" in Christ, and we were told therefore to "put off" that old, bad behavior. Today, we'll learn what new behavior we should "put on," as Paul continues his clothing metaphor.

1. **People picked by God must put on appropriate "clothing" (3:12).**

chosen OT: Dt. 7:6, 14:2, Isa. 44:1 / NT: 1 Pt. 1:1,2 , 2 Thess. 2:13

holy OT: " " , Ex. 19:6 / NT: Heb. 3:1, Eph. 1:4

beloved OT: Ps. 60:5, 127:2 / NT: Eph. 5:1, I Thess. 1:4

Put on / clothe yourself with the following (five again). Several show up in Gal. 5:22,23 listing of the fruits of the Spirit. Our special elect position and practice must be matching just as in OT (1 Pt. 1:15,16) Note these five are near opposite of the five listed to "put off" in vs. 8.

**compassion / mercy*

**kindness*

**humility*

**gentleness*

**patience*

How these
five might
work elsewhere?

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2. **People pardoned by God must put up to keep the unity (3:13-15).**

Terms such as *each other*, *perfect unity*, *one body* suggest these behaviors are primarily toward other believers as in Eph. 4 parallel.

**bearing up / putting up with one another* (longsuffering)

**forgiving each other*, Eph. 4:2, Mtt. 18:21-35

**putting on love*, which binds in perfect unity, see 2:19 for *binds* and I Cor. 13:13, Rom. 13:10, I Jn. 4:21

**pursue peace*, as in I Thess. 5:13, 2 Thess 3:16, 2 Cor. 13:11.

In Eph. 4:3 peace and not love is the binding force

**be thankful*, a theme in Colossians, seen in 1:12, 3:16b,17, 4:2.

Gratitude always makes peace easier to achieve.

Christianity is fundamentally all about . .