

February 4, 2018
Colossians 3:12-15

*Dress Appropriately:
The Believer's New Clothes*

People can be recognized by what they wear.

God doesn't want his children dressing their character in "clothes" that belong to our old way of life: anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy/abusive speech, and lying.

Who Are We

As God's chosen people

(Ephesians 1:11; John 15:12-17)

Holy and Beloved

(Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:15; John 3:16)

What We Are to Wear

Compassion

(2 Corinthians 6:11-12; Philippians 2:1)

Kindness

(Titus 3:4; Romans 2:4)

Humility

(Philippians 2)

Gentleness

(Galatians 6:1)

Patience

(Hebrews 12:2)

Tolerance (bear with each other)

(Romans 12:18)

Forgiveness

(Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 18:22-35)

Love

(1 Corinthians 13)

Questions for Discussion

1. Describe a time when you misjudged a person based on their appearance?
2. How does it make you feel to know that you have been chosen by God and that you are loved?
3. How could compassion and kindness make a difference in dealing with people?
4. How might showing true humility accurately represent Jesus?
5. Why do you think Paul used two different phrases for describing being patient and tolerant with others?
6. Why is it that we are so quick to accept God's forgiveness of our sin, and so hesitant to grant forgiveness to others?