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Colossians 3:12-17

Colossians 1-2

What God has done

Colossians 3-4

What God wants done

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**We are not working for righteousness,
but we are working from righteousness.**

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“People will not drift towards holiness apart from grace driven effort. People do not gravitate towards godliness, prayer and obedience to scripture, faith and delight in the lord. Instead we drift towards compromise and call it tolerance. We drift towards disobedience and call it freedom. We drift towards superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation. We slouch towards prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism. We slide towards godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”

D.A. Carson

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12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...



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13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



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14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.



I Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.



Colossians 3:12-17

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



“The call to unity is the summons to show in relational practice what is already true in spiritual reality.”

Kevin DeYoung



**“The church is fundamentally no different than our own life - a complex mixture of sin (the mess) and salvation (the masterpiece).
The convincing mess of church life is such a useful scapegoat that easily overshadows my own personal mess.”**

Tom Varney



“Unity doesn’t begin in examining others but in examining self. Unity begins, not in demanding that others change, but in admitting that we aren’t so perfect ourselves.”

Max Lucado



Being rooted in Christ leads to us being replanted in community.

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“We are joined to the Lord himself in spiritual union; pondering, loving and reveling in his revealed truth; committed to going his way; saved by grace; obedient in life. These are the things that bind us into the shared reality of being the one, universal people of the Lord, the blessed company of all believers, what Paul will call the ‘Israel of God’. We need to give careful attention to all that unites, and to be wary of things that make differences and divide.”

Alec Motyer

