



Coming up at MLCC:

Seniors Minsitry
Coffee Klatch Sept 28th
10am

MLCC NEXT STEPS CLASSES
Sept 20, 27, Oct 4 @ 11am
Sign up at Connections
Center

Grief Share
Mondays 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study
Tuesdays 6:00pm

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays 6:00pm

Women's Fitness
Mondays & Thursdays
10am

Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth
Wednesdays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)

High School Youth
Sundays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)

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Sermon Notes

September 20, 2026

Speaker: John J Roberts

Text: Colossians 3:12-17

Introduction

Our life and witness are rooted, and clothed, in our identity in Christ.

Context for Colossians:
Chapter 1...

***"God is Christlike and in him there is no unChristlikeness at all!"
-Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury***

Chapter 2...

Chapter 3...

A brief and very important pause: You are chosen... You are holy... You are beloved...

We don't live to gain this status... we live OUT OF, or from the platform of this status.

Our life in witness is clothed in the character of Christ.

Paul's challenge in this text is to live out a life that is characterized by...

"Our apologetic (witness) has to be cross-centered, but it also has to be cross shaped."

-Os Guinness

Our life and witness can be an invitation for others to find their way home.

The only people Jesus got angry and harsh with were the legalistic, self-righteous, people who looked down on, took advantage of, and exploited others for personal gain or power.

Jesus welcomed some of the most outcast in the culture right into his personal space – making time and space for them.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Do you understand and embrace your standing in the Kingdom as chosen – holy – beloved?**
- 2. Is your life, character, and witness consistent with Paul's challenge and if not where are your biggest challenges to be compassionate, kind, humble, meek, patient, forbearing, and forgiving?**
- 3. What is blocking your desire or ability to live out those character traits?**
- 4. Is your life and witness a welcoming presence that invite others into the life of God, or repel others from a desire to know and draw near to God?**
- 5. Can you identity a short list of people into whose lives you could speak these Christlike characteristics and participate with the Holy Spirit in drawing them toward God's Kingdom?**



International Mission-Tyson Fuller: Tyson is leaving soon to work with youth in Australia as part of a two year mission commitment. He's really excited about the youth ministry opportunity to help grow these guys into God-fearing men who are willing to follow Jesus wherever He calls them.

Kairos Outside: Kairos Outside is a Christian faith-ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of women who have been impacted by incarceration of themselves or a loved one. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, hopes to change hearts and transform lives. Hazel Hagy, our church's liaison, is set up in the foyer today with more information.