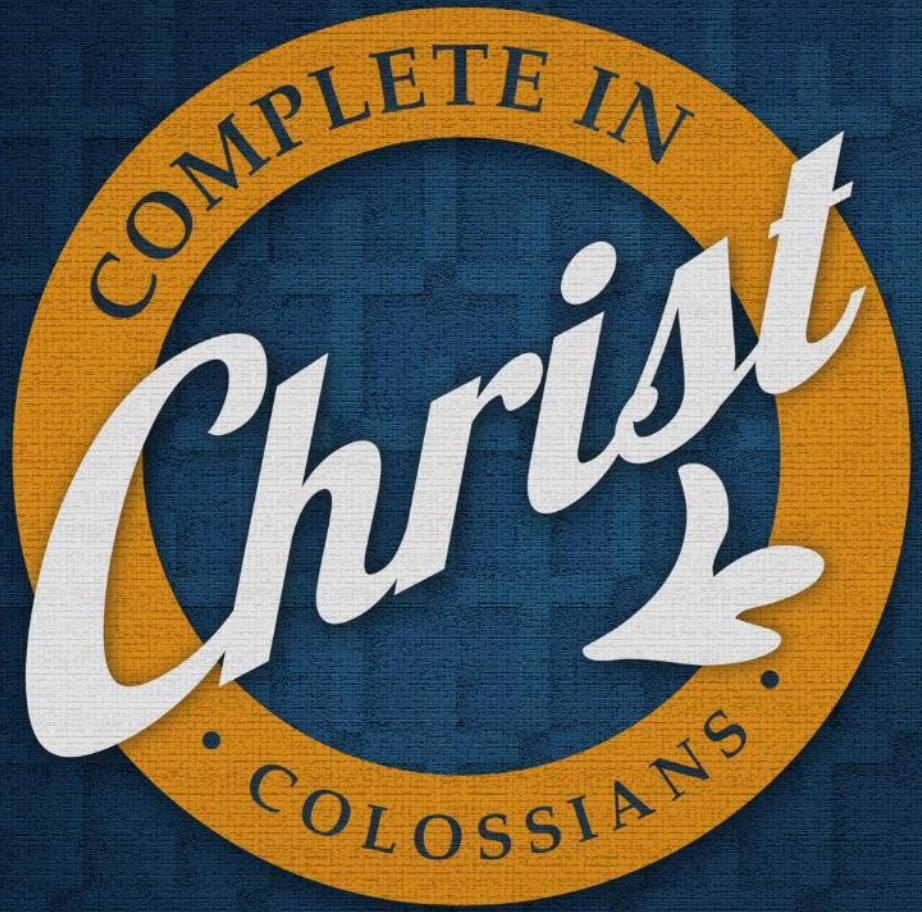

Colossians 3:12-14

Put on the New Toward One Another

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12. Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
13. bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.
14. Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Put on the New Toward One Another



Outline of Colossians

3) Complete in Christ our Life Ch 3-4
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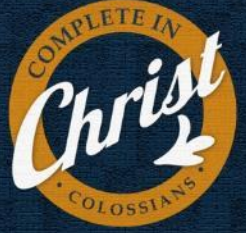
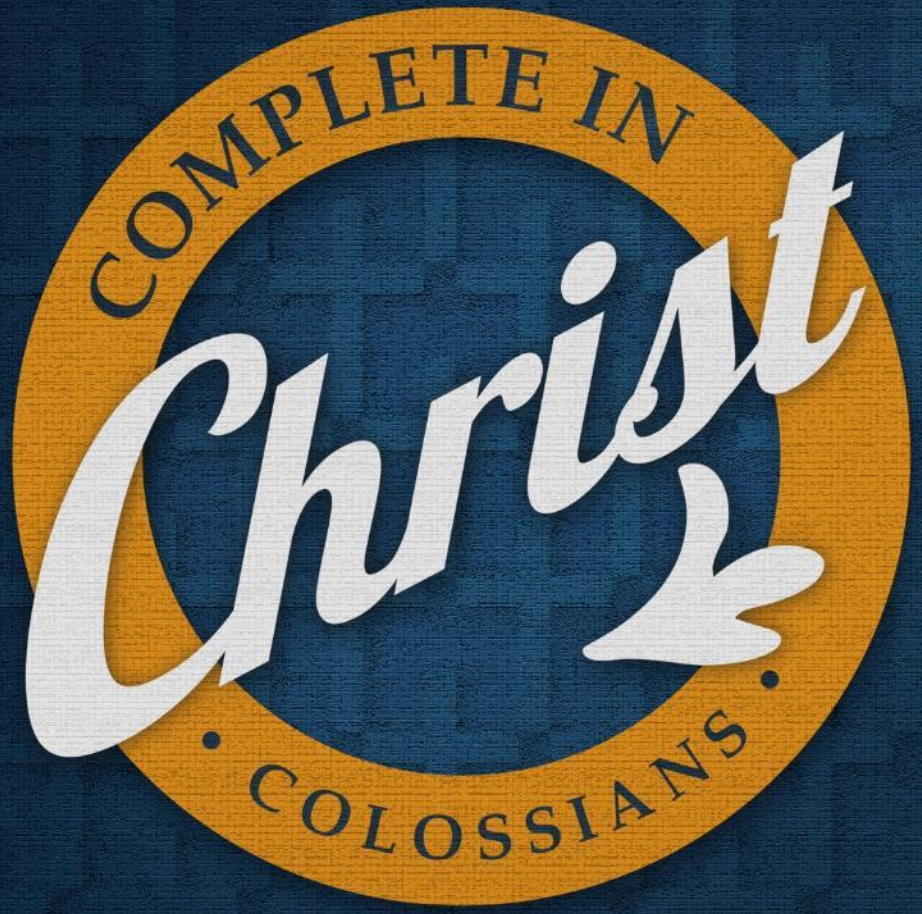
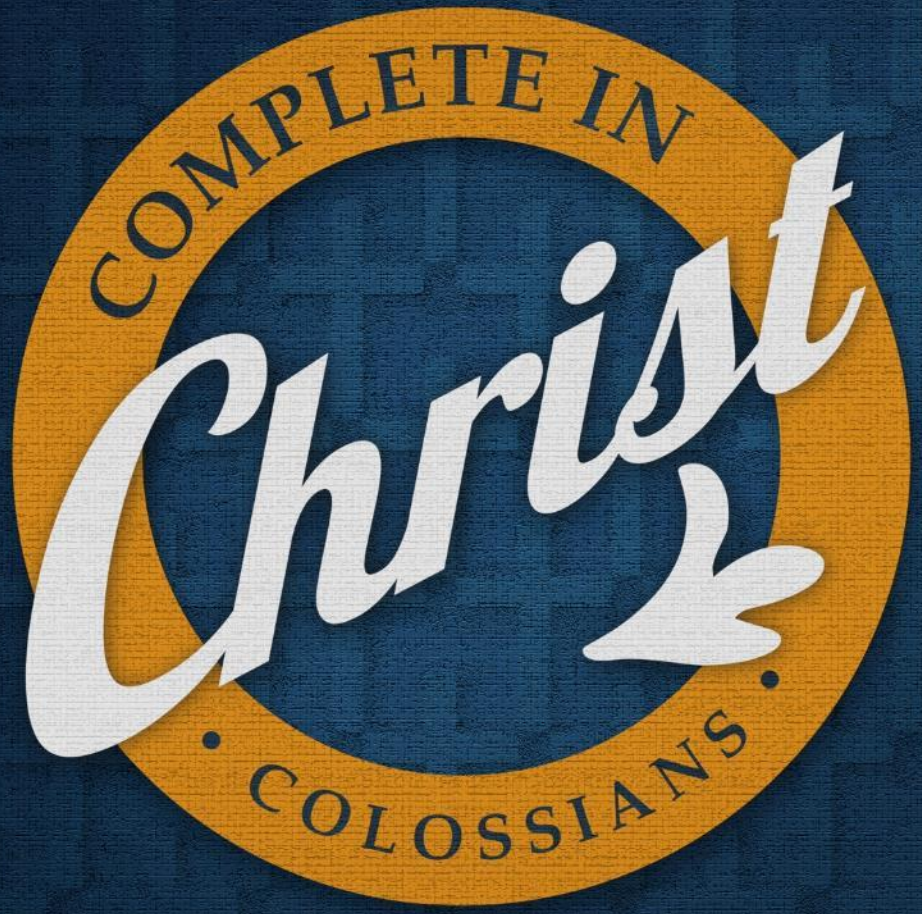




3 Main Points

- Christ is Preeminent
- Believers are in Christ
- We are complete in Him

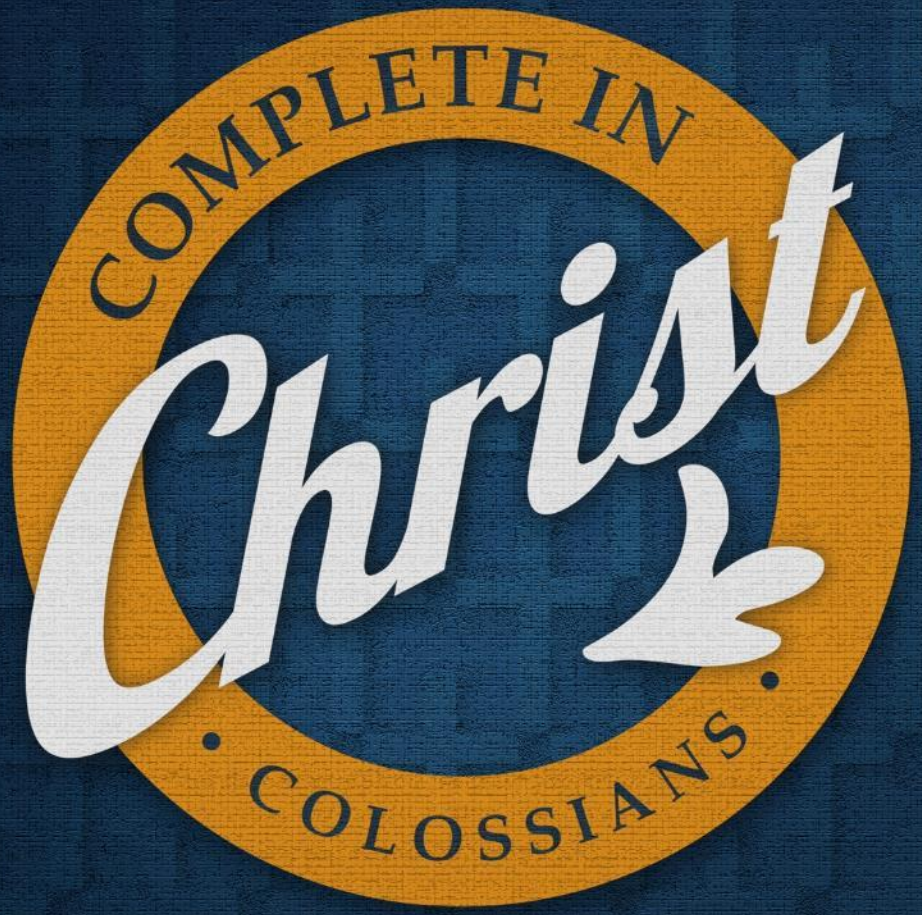


Colossians 3:12-14 Outline

Embrace your New Identity

Put on your New Clothes

Practice your New Self



Embrace your New Identity

- Chosen
- Holy
- Loved

Embrace your New Identity – Chosen of God

- Clear Biblical Precedence
  - God Chose Isreal
  - God Chose Jesus

Deuteronomy 7:6

6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Isaiah 42:1

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Embrace your New Identity – Holy

- Paul's Message to Colossae

Colossians 1:21-22

21 And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, *engaged* in evil deeds, **22** yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

Embrace your New Identity – Dearly Loved

- Agapaō
  - Loved the world – John 3:16
  - Loved the disciples – John 15:12
  - Love those who will not follow (Rich young ruler) – Mark 10:21
  - Loved Peter – John 21:15-16
  - Loved Paul – Eph 2:4
  - Loves Believers – 1 John 4:10

Put on New Clothing

- Biblical Language

Ephesians 6:10-17

The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. **14** Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. **17** And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Put on New Clothing – Compassion

- NASB: a heart of compassion
- NKJV: tender mercies
- NJB: heartfelt compassion
- ESV: compassionate hearts
- NET: heart of mercy
- Splagchnon; from splēn (the "spleen")

Put on New Clothing – Compassion

- Jesus showed compassion
  - By Parable
  - By Practice
- Don't shut compassion out

Luke 10:33

Matthew 9:36

36 ...

1 John 3:17

17 But whoever has the world's possessions and sees his fellow Christian in need and shuts off his compassion against him, how can the love of God reside in such a person?

Put on New Clothing – Kindness

- Acts of goodness…Compassion in Action
- Ultimate Act of Kindness
- Kindness converts m… …an apologetics or arguments



Titus 3:4-5

4 But when t… …his love for mankind appeared, 5… …ousness that we had done, b… …the washing of regeneration…

Ephesians 2:7

7 so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Put on New Clothing – Kindness

- How do we respond?



Put on New Clothing – Humility

- Literally: Humility of Mind
- Jesus makes humility fashionable
  - Humble birth
  - Humble vocation
  - Humble life
  - Humble identification
  - Humble character
  - Humble death

Philippians 2:6-7

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not
count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but
emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

Put on New Clothing – Humility

- Humble yourselves
- Accurate assessment of yourself…think of others – JOY

1 Peter 5:6

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
so that He may exalt you at the proper time,

Philippians 2:3

3 doing nothing from selfish ambition or vain glory,
but with humility of mind regarding one another
as more important than yourselves,

Put on New Clothing – Gentleness

- Meekness, mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit
- Example of Paul
- Example of Jesus

2 Corinthians 10:1

10 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!

Matthew 11:29-30

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. **30** For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light."

Put on New Clothing – Gentleness

- "Never pass up a chance to keep your mouth shut"

Proverbs 10:19

19 When there are many words, wrongdoing is unavoidable,
But one who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 15:1

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Put on New Clothing – Patience

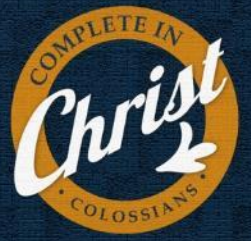
- Power for patience
- Slowness in avenging wrongs…longsuffering
- God in OT: Prophets, Noah, Job
- Jesus tow

Colossians 1:11

11 being strengthened with all power,
according to his glorious might, so that you
may have great endurance and patience,

2 Peter 3

9 The Lord
slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish,
but for all to come to repentance.



Practice your New Self – Bear with

- Endure something unpleasant or difficult
- Example: God did it! Jesus did it!
  - Israelites
  - Disciples
  - Christians
- Put up with…

Mark 9:19

how long shall I be with you?
How long shall I put up with you?
Bring him to Me!"

Psalm 86:15

15 But You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
Slow to anger and abundant in mercy and truth.

Practice your New Self – Bear with



Practice your New Self – Bear with

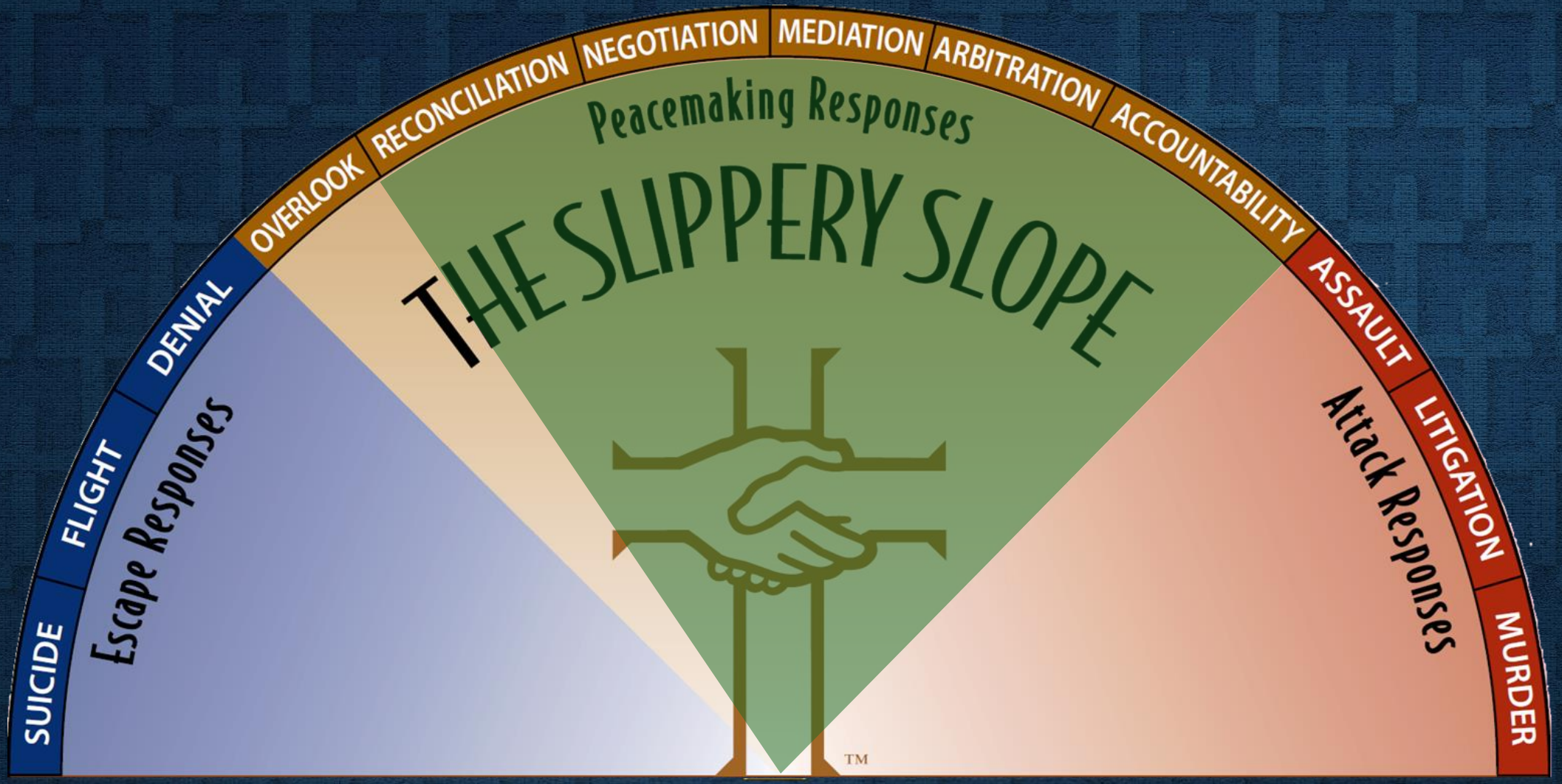
- When to Overlook?
  - No harm to the relationship
  - No harm to personal testimony
  - No harm to God's reputation
- Not a passive process



Proverbs 19:11

11 A person's wisdom has made him slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Practice your New Self – Forgive



COMPLETE IN Christ COLOSSIANS

Practice your New Self - Forgive

- Foregoing the right to justice
- Forgiving is a decision

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

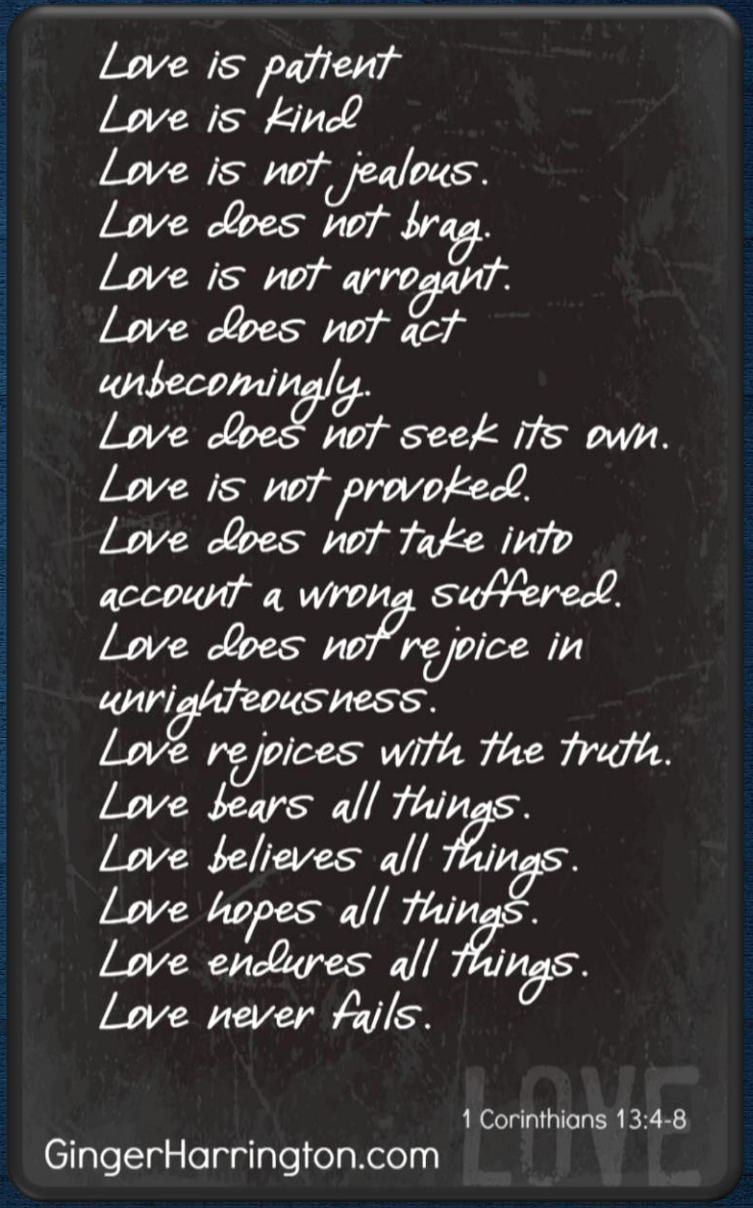
Practice your New Self - Love

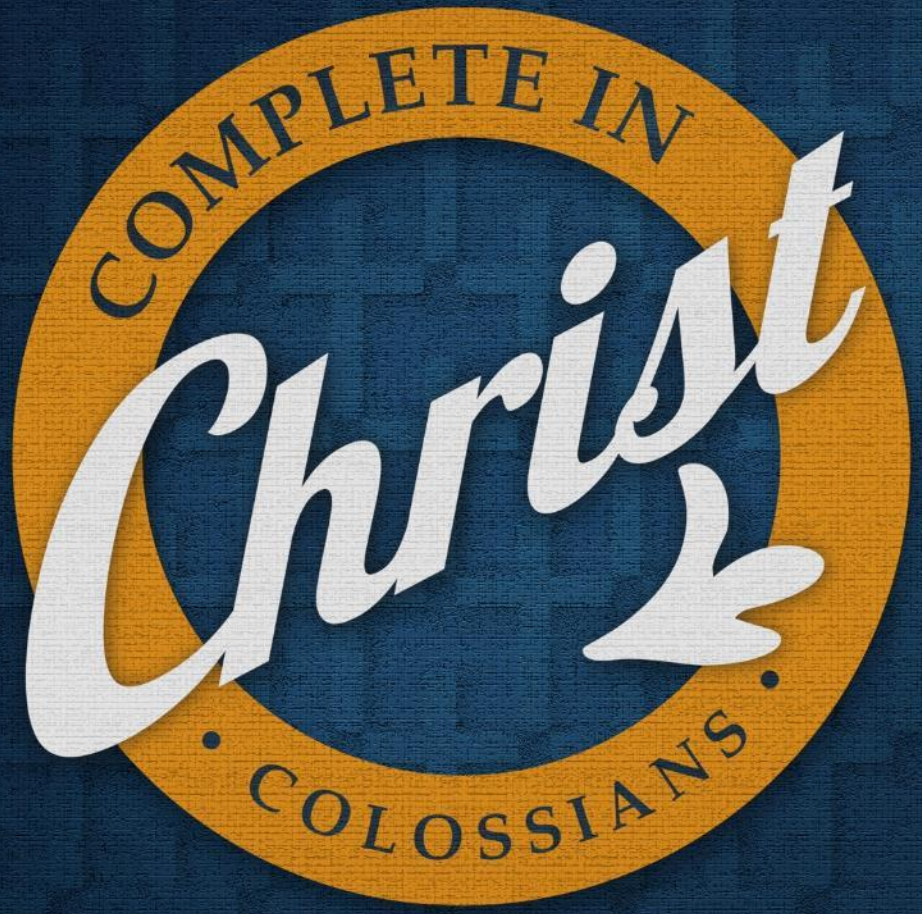
- Above all these things…Love
- Perfect Bond of Unity

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.

But the greatest of these is love.





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  - Loving one another

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    b) 1:15-20: The supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ
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        i. 1:21-29 For the gospel to gentiles
        ii. 2:1-7 For stability of faith Colossian church
    d) 2:8-23 Complete in Christ, therefore:
        i. 2:8-10 Reject empty philosophy
        ii. 2:11-15 Shun legalism
        iii. 2:16-23 Turn from shadows of ritual to substance of Christ

