

## More Christlike Fashion - A Christian Wardrobe

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Colossians 3:12-13

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Truth: To win the battle against sin and live victoriously

You must live in light of your new identity of Christ! 2 Tim 1:9

Paul's Instruction: Put on then...

Covenant Language: Chosen, Holy & Beloved – who believers are!

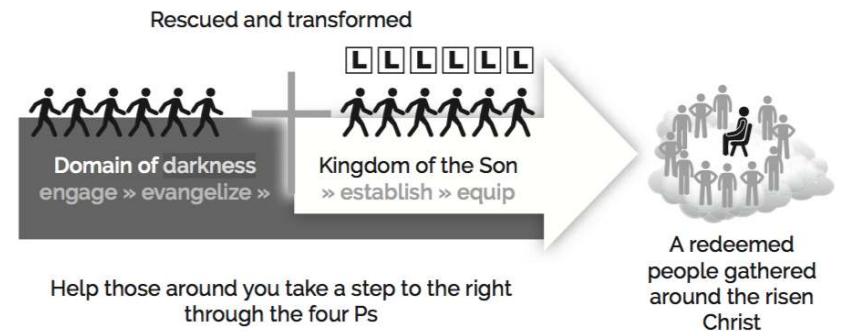
Believers called to put on "the Christian Wardrobe"

Previously: Compassionate Hearts & Kindness

- **Humility**
- Uniquely Christian virtue - Greeks had no word for this.
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Christ-sufficient, not self-sufficient.  
All from God: 1 Pet 5:5-7; 1 Cor 4:7  
Depends upon God's strength: 2 Cor 12:9-10; Phil 4:13
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Proper evaluation of self.  
Rom 12:3 – sober judgment. Doesn't see self as indispensable, nor neglects God's gifts Mt 25:14-30; 2 Tim 1:6-8
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Esteems others more highly than self.  
Jesus is our example. Was God Phil 2:3-4, laid it aside Phil 2:5-8.
- **Meekness** Gentleness, quiet strength
- No single English word can contain the meaning
- Strength under submission – as in trained animal: war stallion
- Not self-willed, but surrendered to do God's will
- Gentle doctor uses force to set bone to bring about healing Gal 6:1; 2 Tim 2:25
- Meekness is knowing who you are in Christ & not allowing the fallenness of this world to define us. Meekness is letting Christ's Word define us!
- **Patience** longsuffering, long-tempered
- a patient person gives others time to change and allows for mistakes in the process realizing that is God's plan
- Often used to describe God - Rom 2:4; Rom 9:22
- Paul had patience in his work: 2 Cor 6:1-11
- It is one of the fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23
- **Bearing with one-another** the tie
- Amusing choice of words: forbearing with one another as if other people are difficult to live with.... Oh yeah they're sinners like you!
- Sinners will 'bump' against – these virtues smooth it all out.

## Discuss & Apply:

- How do all these garments relate to one-another?
- Can any believer say, "I just am not [a patient] person!" Why or why not?
- What should someone do if they are lacking in one of these virtues? Does God promise to help us?
- Which of these virtues do you most need to work on? Can you outline a specific plan of attack (include scripture) that will help you grow?
- Will clothing ourselves in these virtues require hard work? How? What have you used to improve? What methods haven't worked?
- Humility is much different than often thought... discuss what TRUE humility looks like in the church. How is it not being milquetoast in our behavior?
- Discuss the idea of "strength under submission" as it relates to meekness.
- Read Numbers 12:3 – Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. How could he be the leader of millions? How does that help redefine the idea of meekness?
- Are you a patient person? Why or why not?
- How does studying God's patience towards us (Rm 2:4; 9:22) help us become patient people?
- Apply the "Christian Wardrobe" to our drawing:



We are ALL to be bringing others to maturity in Christ! As we are servants (ministers) that will happen as we use the 4 P's:  
Proclamation of the Word  
Prayerful dependence upon Holy Spirit  
People as God's fellow Workers  
Perseverance, step by step