

# Established- A whole new wardrobe.

## Sermon Notes

December 1, 2024

### Review:

- Christ is established as the sole difference maker in making peace with God for mankind.
- Now, we are charged with being established as followers of Jesus. Embodying the life and spirit of Christ.
- Last week we were exhorted by Lem to shed the skin of sin. We must lose some things to take on some new things.
- Today we will put on a whole new wardrobe.

### Pray

### Read **Colossians 3:5-14**

### Who you are in light of the gospel—understanding your identity matters.

*(You need to see you as God sees you!)*

- God chooses who his people are. (12a)

**John 15:16** *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”*

- God’s people will look and be different from the world. (12a)

**Colossians 1:22** *“But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...”*

- God knows and cares for His people with deep affection. (12a)

**Romans 5:8** *“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

## Put on the new family wardrobe—this is how we roll!

Biblical context

- **Isaiah 61:10** “He has clothed me of garments of salvation.
- **Job 29:14** “I put on righteousness as my clothing.”

## Family dynamic

**READ** **Philippians 2:1-5** Same mindset of Christ. Doing things the way He did them.

- **Compassion**- sympathy that leads to action birthed out of affection (love).

*For the benefit of another.*

- **Kindness**- goodness toward one another; friendly, generous, caring, considerate.

*For the benefit of another.*

- **Humility**- not thinking highly of yourself; thinking of yourself less.

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- **Gentleness**- kindly tender and soft; mildness of temper.
  - Football player holding a baby—acknowledging vulnerability and being protector.

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- **Patience**- ability to endure, and wait amidst difficulty.
  - Example- waiting in a long line or waiting for changed behavior in someone.
  - How did you do at your family gatherings in patience or any of these Christ-like identifiers?

*For the benefit of another.*

- **Bearing with and forgiving one another.** (13)
  - How long of an account do you keep with your spouse, a brother/sister, a former friend?

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- **Put on Love**—the coat that covers over all of these layers and pulls it all together. (14)
  - Love is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional commitment to the well being of another.
  - Love leads us to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient with others.

*For the benefit of another.*

**Questions to ask of yourself:**

1. Do you identify as a child who has been chosen by God?
2. How are you doing with wearing these Christ-like garments: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love?
3. What is one garment you need to work on this week to better identify with Christ? *For the benefit of another!*

**Benediction: 2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here!*

*We shed the old skin and put on our new clothes!*