

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.

For the benefit of another.

Gentleness- kindly tender and soft; mildness of temper.

- Football player holding a baby—acknowledging vulnerability and being protector.

For the benefit of another.

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?

For the benefit of another.

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:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here!*

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