

Putting On The New Life

(Colossians 3:12-17)

- Introduction:
1. The textual study from the book of Colossians is a great study.
 2. Colossians and Ephesians are very similar books, but they differ slightly in their focus.
 - a. Ephesians is about the church of Christ.
 - b. Whereas Colossians is about the Christ of the church.
 3. Let's consider the block of Scriptures that have been assigned to me this evening.

I. The Election of God

- A. (Colossians 3:12).
- B. By the decree of God, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their number is so certain and definite that it can not be either increased or diminished.... without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto.
- C. (Ephesians 1) We are elect "In Him."

II. The Attitudes of the Elect

- A. (Colossians 3:12-16).
- B. Tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with one another, forgiving one another.
- C. Jesus must be both Savior and Lord. But haven't we seen people who were initially saved, who are not even close to possessing or trying to possess these attitudes.
- D. These attitudes require work and development.
 1. Ills. Of man getting ahead of me at carwash.
- E. Instead of forgiving like Christ, we become bitter.
 1. Ills. Of man bitten by a rabid dog.
- F. Work on these qualities. They require practice.

III. The Empowerment of the Elect

- A. (Colossians 3:15).
- B. We were called to the peace of God ruling in our hearts.
- C. There are many things that are discomfoting in this world, but peace can be found in Jesus!
- D. (Daniel 3:22-26) Distracts us from our circumstances.
- E. Ills. Batman & Robin button; Matthew & Anne Marie.
- E. (2 Kings 6:8-20; Romans 8:28) Peace from his presence.

IV. The Standard of Conduct of the Elect

- A. (Colossians 3:17).
- B. The principle of authority coupled with proper attitudes will rid the world of religious division.
 - 1. One can have the right spirit, but the wrong doctrine.
 - 2. One can have the right doctrine, but the wrong spirit.
- C. Seek authority; don't go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6).