



# *Walking In Christ*

*Colossians 3:12-17*  
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# *King Solomon's Request:*

- 1 Kings 3:9 Therefore **give to Your servant an understanding heart** to judge Your people, **that I may discern between good and evil**. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?

# *Walking In Christ Enables Us To PUT ON the NEW LIFE*

## *Colossians 3:12-17*

- Colossians 3:12–14 **Therefore**, *as the elect of God, holy and beloved*, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection.

## *Colossians 3:15-17*

And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> **Let the word of Christ dwell in you** richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And *whatever* you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## *Ephesians 1:4-5*

just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy** and without blame before Him **in love,** <sup>5</sup> having **predestined us to adoption** as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

## *Colossians 3:10-11*

(you) have **put on the new man...**  
<sup>11</sup> **where Christ is all and in all**

## A. We Must Put On Christ-like Graces.

- Colossians 3:12 **Therefore**, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.**

## B. We Must Put On Christ-like Responses To One Another.

- Colossians 3:13 **bearing with** one another, and **forgiving** one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.
- Colossians 3:15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful

## C. We Must Put On Christ-like Love.

- Colossians 3:14 But above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection.
- Pastor's Expanded: And above all these virtues, put on love, which is **the bond that unites them in perfect harmony**.



- 1 Corinthians 13:2 And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but **have not love, I am nothing.**

## D. We Must Put On Christ-like Responsibilities.

- Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## E. We Must Put On Christ-like Ambition.

- Colossians 3:17 And *whatever* you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



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