

## Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 3.12-17

“Put on Heavenliness”

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### v12 ~ “elect of God, holy and beloved .. put on”

- “Do we realize the extent to which we are blessed?”
  - “elect” ~ chosen by God / set apart for God / loved by God
- “tender mercies, kindness” ~ outward actions
- “humility” ~ inward self-assessment
- “meekness, longsuffering” ~ persistence of will through sinful opposition

### v13 ~ “bearing with one another .. as Christ forgave you”

- Longsuffering and meekness are our essential tools (*hammer, screwdriver*)
  - Skillfully using them takes practice / but opportunities abound / ☺
  - We are to emulate Christ in this
    - Stand like a rock for principle / But sacrifice your pride

### v14 ~ “put on love .. bond of perfection”

- Without true love it’s impossible to continue doing the other things
  - Bearing, forgiving, thanking, being at peace
    - III: fb post ~ “too many people on the earth”

### v15 ~ “let the peace of God rule”

- Listen to how this is phrased / “let .. peace .. rule”
  - Paul points out that we are all “called in one body” to this
  - We fight against peace when we are offended
  - But we are to “let .. peace .. rule” over our pride, self-righteousness

### v16 ~ “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”

- Another plea to allow what is “natural” for us as God’s children to happen
  - God’s Spirit is at work in us / Yet we often oppose Him
  - We think of Satan as God’s enemy on the earth – and he is . . .
    - But we err if we don’t see our own dark hearts as His enemy as well
    - We war against “the world, the flesh, and the devil”

**Read v17** ~ Our actions, our conduct, our values all reflect upon Christ

The question is do they reflect well upon Him / or poorly?

**Read Luke 6.45** ~ “.. out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”

**Mat 12.37** ~ “By your words you will be justified, any by your words you will be condemned”