

“Adorned with Love”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 3:12-14 • pt. 30

INTRODUCTION

- what beauty is made by great heat and pressure...

1. *The disciple's new clothes: patience*

= one who doesn't give up amid difficult circumstances

“Patience is the ability to let your light shine when your fuse is blown.”
– author unknown

= one who shows restraint toward difficult people

Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:15-16; 1 Pet. 3:18-20

- patience: *macro-thumia*

+ describing the character of God as “slow to anger”
Num. 14:18; Ps. 86:15

+ to describe the character of God's people
Prov. 14:29; 16:32

“Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.”
– author unknown

2. *The disciple's new clothes: bearing with one another*

= “to endure, to hold out in spite of persecution, threats, injury, indifference, or complaints and not retaliate.”

1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Thess. 1:4; Eph. 4:1-2

3. *The disciple's new clothes: forgiveness*

- build on the word *grace*, to remit a debt

Lk. 7:41-42; Col. 2:13-14

- received without strings; extended without strings

Mt. 18:21-22; Col. 3:13

- if I fail to forgive, will God no longer forgive me?

Mt. 6:14-15

- principles to live a life of forgiveness:

+ _____ what you say you've forgiven.

+ _____ about what you say you've forgiven.

+ If you replay the offense, _____.

4. *The disciple's new clothes: love*

Rom. 13:8-14