

### III. Jesus Christ teaches me how to dress

A. But how do I put on these clothes?

- i. 3:13
- ii. Eph. 2:14-16

B. The Gospel, the Story of Jesus' humbling Himself, taking on the very nature of a slave, living a perfect life, suffering and dying for us, being buried, now raised and exalted, is the new narrative for your life.

a) *The Gospel needs to re-story our lives.*

How does the Gospel re-story our lives?

#### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to use the idea of clothing ourselves with Jesus Christ? How does it help you?
- How is the character of the community that calls Jesus Lord to be shaped by the Story of Jesus' humbling Himself, taking on the very nature of a slave, living a perfect life, suffering and dying for us, being buried, now raised and exalted?
- How should the Story of Christ cause us to be different in thought, word and deed?
- Are you Hiding Yourself in the Gospel Event, or are you still living your life according to your old story? In what ways are you living in the new story, and in what ways are you living in the rut of the old story?
- What does it mean to say, "*The Gospel needs to re-story our lives*"? How do we allow the Gospel to re-story our lives?
- Which piece of clothing are you most needing to put on presently?

### Living Life Hidden in Christ II: *Clothe Yourself in Jesus Christ*

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Text: Colossians 3:12-15

#### Intro: Clothe Yourself in the Lord Jesus Christ

A. Context...

- i. 1:9-10
- ii. 1:27-29
  
- iii. 2:6-7
  
- iv. 3:1-3

B. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ... Put On Jesus Christ...

- i. What you wear is all about who you are.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. Paul is saying that there is a culture transformation for those whose identity is found in Christ.

**Culture:** the behaviors characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group that grow out of beliefs: the youth culture; the drug culture. The totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, and other products of thought.

C. Are you living in the new story, or living in the rut of the old story?

## **I. Jesus Christ is my clothing before God**

A. God says of you what He said of Christ.

i. Chosen of God (lit.)

a) Isaiah 42:1

b) Luke 9:35

ii. Holy

a) Mark 1:24

b) John 6:69

iii. The ones He loves, or takes pleasure in.

a) Matthew 3:17

B. God doesn't see what you were, He sees you hidden in Christ.

## **II. Jesus Christ is my clothing before others**

A. Jesus is my new wardrobe!

i. Romans 13:12-14

B. What are the pieces of clothing?

i. Compassion (lit. bowels of compassion):

ii. Kindness: a gracious attitude, goodness, kindness, opposite the word for "severity".

iii. Humility: a quality of voluntary submission and unselfish humility, self-effacement, opposite arrogance, pride. "having a humble opinion of oneself; lowliness of mind"

iv. Gentleness: gentle friendliness, meekness, strength that accommodates to another's weakness, consideration.

a) 1 Peter 3:7

v. Patience: long-suffering; constraint exercised toward others: forbearance.

vi. Bear with each other: as exercising self-restraint and tolerance, endure (patiently), put up with.

vii. Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another:

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viii. over all these virtues put on love: