

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Clothed with Christ—Part 1 "What's Your Tag Say?" Colossians 3:12-17

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

An individual's name serves as an extension or expression of that person—especially when it comes to the name or title of "Christian." We are to serve as an extension or expression of Christ in the world. Other people are always watching you. They listen to what you say and watch what you do. They "read" you, so to speak. So, what does your tag say? Can others see the handiwork of the Master Designer in your life?

Steps to Clothing Yourself with Christ:

- 1) "Put on" the **GRACE** of Christ (vv.12-14).
- 2) "Step into" the **PEACE** of Christ (v. 15).
- 3) "Get in" the **WORD** of Christ (v. 16).
- 4) "Wear" the **NAME** of Christ (v. 17).

How well are you living in the name of Jesus? Are you carrying out the call of Christ? As a Christian, you carry the name of the Savior and Lord of the universe! Don't wear it in vain!

What will you do in the name of Jesus today? Receive salvation? Commit to following Christ in baptism? Recommit your life to the Lord? Answer His call to service in this church? What will it be? Remember ... others see the life that you wear, whether faithless or true. So, what is the Gospel according to you?