

LOVING ONE ANOTHER SERMON 5
Title: Bear With And Forgive One Another
Colossians 3:12-14

1. OUR NEW POSITION IN JESUS CHRIST SHOULD CHANGE OUR FOCUS AND PRACTICE. "God's chosen ones, holy, beloved."

Colossians 1:13 "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:21-23 "²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 2:11-15 "¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

2. NEWNES IN CHRIST REQUIRES TAKING OFF OLD BEHAVIORS.

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Immorality: used for sexual immorality. We get the English term "pornography" from this word.

Impurity: originally used in the OT in the sense of ceremonial uncleanness or moral uncleanness.

Passion, evil desire: "lustful passion."

Greed: This term is usually used of desire for things, but in a context of sexual exploitation, it may have meant more and more sexual pleasure at any cost!

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Anger: long-lasting, simmering anger

Wrath: fast-burning anger or outburst of rage

Malice: vicious thoughts; desire to hurt others

Slander and abusive speech

3. NEWNESS IN CHRIST REQUIRES PUTTING ON NEW BEHAVIORS.

Heart of compassion: A feeling of sympathy for the needs and sufferings of others.

Kindness: Goodness of heart; having a gentle gracious disposition

Lowliness/Humility: Having a proper estimate of self which causes one to have a proper

Meekness/Gentleness: Not harsh in dealings with others.

Longsuffering/patience: The opposite of having a short fuse.

4. NEWNESS IN CHRIST MEANS DEALING WITH OTHERS AS CHRIST DEALS WITH US.

Bearing with one another—enduring [this is to be continual]

IS IT SENSITIVITY OR SIN?

Gerald Sittser suggest that “Forgiveness is required when almost anyone put in the same situation would be as hurt as the offended party was. The offense must violate a universal sense of justice”.

Forgiving—based on the root word for grace

Romans 12:17-21—In forgiving we give up our right to get even.

Matthew 18:15

The Limitations of Forgiveness [Love One Another by Gerald Sittser, pg. 73-74]

1. Forgiveness does not release offenders from the need to take personal responsibility for the sin committed.
2. Forgiveness does not absolve offenders from guilt.
3. Forgiveness does not deliver the offender from the consequences of sinful actions.
4. Forgiveness cannot erase the past.

Read Matthew 18:21-35. We must forgive.

In this passage we see the cost of unforgiveness.

1. _____ RELATIONSHIPS v. 28-30.
2. _____ LOSS v. 31.
3. _____ FROM THE MASTER v. 32-33.
4. _____ LIFE.

Read 1 Corinthians 13