

Title: Dressed for Success (Part 2)

Text: Colossians 3:5-17

Target: *“Define yourself as one radically beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is an illusion.”* Brennan Manning

- I. **A Call to be Reminded:** *“Put on then as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved”* (Vs. 12a)

Put On: Decisive Daily Action

A. **Visceral of Virtues (Inward):** *“compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience”* (Vs. 12)

1. **Compassionate Hearts:** merciful
2. **Kindness:** gentleness
3. **Humility:** modesty
4. **Meekness:** power under control
5. **Patience:** long-suffering

B. **Virtues become Visible (Outward):** *“bearing with one another and, if one has complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.”* (Vs. 13)

Galatians 6:2: *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

C. **Vice of Values (Upward):** *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony”* (Vs. 14)

1 Corinthians 13:1: *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”*

- II. **A Choice to be Ruled:** *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you indeed were called in one body. And be thankful.”* (Vs. 15)

To be Ruled: Arbitrate and decide in every debate.

A. **Rooted in the Word:** *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”* (Vs. 16a)

Dwell: To inhabit, make at home, to influence.

B. **Renewed in Worship:** *“teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God”* (Vs. 16b)

C. **Revealed by Works:** *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* (Vs. 17)

1 Corinthians 10:31: *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

Takeaway: Look in the mirror and call yourself up to who Christ called you to be!