

Colossians 3:12-17

FASHION WARDROBE The transformation process includes more DOS than don'ts

### I With Christ I do new things

#### A New Characteristics

Tender mercies Compassion: Heartfelt sympathy for those in need

Kindness the friendly and helpful spirit which meets needs through good deeds

Humility an attitude free of pride and self assertion this is opposed to the religious self denial false humility found in chapter 2 remember our identity our value must be found appropriately in Christ

“meekness” gentleness strength under control my favorite MOSES

Longsuffering Patience the capacity to be injustice without retaliation Joseph

#### B The body is bound by Love

The Most important is Love the kind of Love found in I John 4

Love causes us to forgive! Matthew 18:21-45 Parable of the unforgiving servant

### II With Christ I choose new things

#### A New Spirit

Believers are fully forgiven by Christ so therefore we must be ready forgive the wrongs done against us

#### B The body makes it's decisions with Christ in mind

Let Christ Rule in your hearts

Rule – “to act as umpire” Let your decisions be Christ based

### III With Christ I am new on the inside

#### A New Song

Dwell – means take up residence. OUR NEW HOME

#### B The body is under the influence of the word of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit Let Christ Dwell Mark 12:43-45

I will not leave you Hebrews 13:5 and Deut 31:6 Joshua 1:5

Teaching – positive instruction

Admonishing – negative correction

Thankful worship

Believers are God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved. These were things that the Bible previously associated with Israel but now the church. (Deut 4:37, and 7:7-8) (I Peter 2:9-10)

I don't believe in replacement theology but I believe that the NT says that there are certain things attributed to either Israel or the church that could be used of God's people in general throughout the dispensations of the faith.

If we are going to be transformed into the character of Christ the word of Christ should find a home in our hearts and it should not come and go

We are a Chosen People No easy solution

Eph 1:4, Romans 8:29-30, John 6:44, Matthew 11:28, I Timothy 2:1-4, romans 10:9-10 II Peter 3:9