



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

DRESS CODE WHERE JESUS RULES

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The supremacy of Jesus transforms us inside and outside as individuals and as a body of believers, the church. Our behavior changes because our very character changes.

Our life must come fully under His sway. Our identity is radically transformed. The Spirit uses the words “you have died” and “you have been raised” to capture this change.

But we are not just passive in this process. We actively set our minds above, upon Christ. His perfections, glory, and sovereignty dictate our thoughts, desires, and actions.

The Scripture uses the imagery of putting off and putting on, as if we were taking off dirty clothing in order to put on clean clothes. The contrast is stark. Anger is put away and love takes its place. Malice is replaced by kindness. And on and on.

As this transformation takes place, we are to overflow with thanksgiving to God who alone provided a way for us. Everything we do now is to be in Jesus and through Jesus. Jesus is preeminent.

Are the clothes you are wearing your old dirty clothes, or clean clothes you’ve received from Jesus? Does everything we do as a church bring glory to His name?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Colossians 3:1-17

I. The mystery: the preeminent Jesus in you. (1:24 – 2:5)

- A. Christ in you! (1:27; 2:2b)

- B. The Danger: Plausible Arguments (4)

- C. The Treasure of Jesus (2:3)

II. Our new ID: you in Jesus (2:6-15)

- A. Live in Jesus (2:6-7)

- B. The Danger: human traditions and principles (2:8)

- C. The Sufficiency of Jesus (9-15)

III. Live in substance, not shadows. (2:16-23)

- A. The Danger: Following Shadows

- B. The Substance: Jesus

How does this apply to me?

