



Jesus sets the standards for dress code.

I. What are you thinking? Doctrine determines living.

- A. Where your mind is set, determines how you think.
- B. Start living your future reality now. (3-4)

II. Put off. (5-11)

Two sets of 5 vices, with summary description of the part of life.

V5 summarized by idolatry

Three sexual sins - outward expression of these sins

1. Immorality (any sexual sin),
2. Impurity (immoral sexual sin),
3. Passion (lust).

Two inner desires of the heart - evil desire and covetousness

V8 Rid yourself of verbal sins

Anger – wrath

Malice – slander – obscene talk

III. Put on. (12-17) 5 graces

Compassionate hearts, Kindness, Humility, Meekness, Patience

How do we live this way?

Bearing with – put up with

This prevents anger, wrath, malice

Forgiving, as we have been forgiven

This prevents slander and obscene speech about others

Love is the glue that holds us together. Love binds.

We are putting on Christ! (15-17)

Peace of Christ rules

Word Christ must be central to our community.

The Name of our Lord Jesus becomes our controlling purpose. God looks right past the clothing we are wearing to the clothing we are living!

INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

FAMILY RULES WHERE JESUS RULES

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

One of the most precious gifts God has given to us is family. A strong family is a source of safety, fun, memories, and growth. But, as is often the case, the best of gifts, when infected with sin, can become a great source of heartache. Our closest relationships can bring us both our greatest joy and our deepest sorrow.

In the letter to the Colossians, the Holy Spirit summarizes, with singular simplicity, rules for healthy family relationships. The Spirit expands His counsel for healthy relationships to the work place as well. While our society runs extensive seminars and training to foster positive workplace and home health, the Spirit is stunningly to the point.

It is important to note that the central focal point, from which every other relationship radiates, is our service for the Lord. When we seek, in everything we do, to please Him, other relationships become healthy. When the way we treat others is determined by a desire to please the Lord, we will treat others well.

As you read these verses, let that truth sink in. Do you do what you do as unto the Lord? Or does the person you are relating to you become the determining factor of how you treat him or her?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Colossians 3:18 – 4:1

