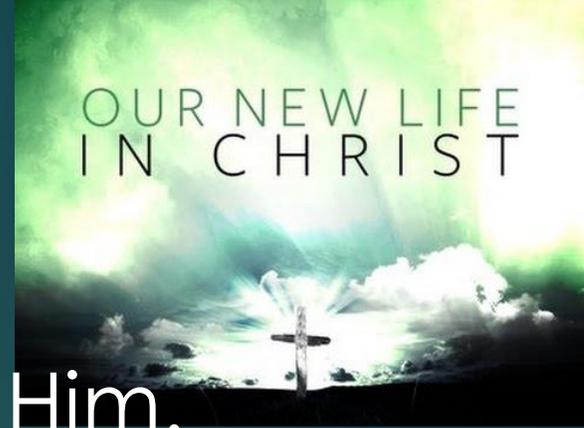




# Our New Life part 2—Putting On

COLOSSIANS 3:10-15

# Our New Life in Christ



- ▶ As believers in Christ we have a **new life** in Him.  
(2 Cor. 5:17, Col. 2:6-7, 10)
- ▶ And in this new and eternal life God wants us to focus on **eternal** things. (3:1-4)
- ▶ Moreover, we are called to **put to death** our old habits that remain in us. (3:5-9)
- ▶ And the only way to put away our old sinful habits is to replace them with something new.

# Why People Don't Simply Pursue God

- ▶ One of the main reasons we do not want to put on a new self is because we do not **really** trust that God has the **best intention** for us and the best plan for us, instead by default we still think we need to fend for ourselves.
- ▶ Therefore we would rather keep around our old self-defence mechanism—may be lying, cheating, yelling, fighting back, drinking, running away...just in case God's plan is not that good. (i.e. it worked)

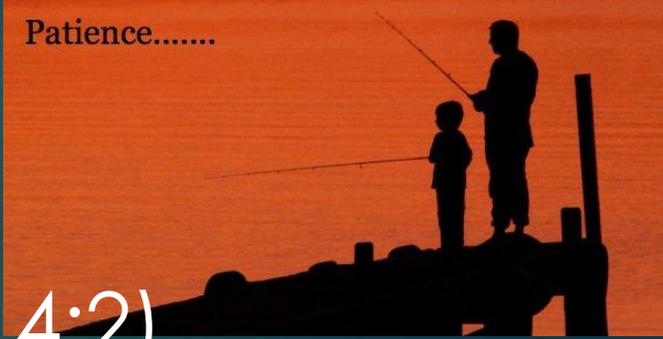
# Do You Actually Trust God?



- ▶ Deep down we may still feel **vulnerable** when we **pursue** God...(i.e. good or bad things)
- ▶ It comes down to this: do we actually believe that we are **beloved**, **chosen**, and **holy** in Him?  
(v.12) (Back to Eph. 1:3-14)
- ▶ (v.10-12) Because if we are, we will have no problem pursuing Christ and putting Him on daily, no matter who you are.

# Putting On Christ, What Does it Mean

- ▶ In putting on Christ (v.10-11) we are putting on Jesus in our daily relationship—what would Jesus do?
- ▶ **Compassionate hearts**—a heart of sympathy that goes with actions (1 John 3:17-18; Luke 7:13-14)
- ▶ **Kindness**—the action of goodness, be polite, be gentle, and be a good listener with empathy (Gal. 5:22)
- ▶ **Humility**—see others as more significant than ourselves (Phil 2:3-4) and see ourselves with the grace of God (Rom. 12:1-3)



- ▶ **Meekness**—respond to harshness with gentleness and kindness (Prov. 15:1; Eph. 4:2)
- ▶ **Patience**—endure with persistence and perseverance in difficult circumstances (2 Tim. 4:2; Col. 1:11)
- ▶ **Bearing with one another**—kindness with forbearance, even if the person does not respond in kind (1 Thes. 5:15)
- ▶ **Forgiving each other**—to see the love of God as greater than the pain you have received (Eph. 4:32)

# Brotherly Love—Healthy Relationships

- ▶ All these seven characteristics equal one thing—**brotherly love**
- ▶ Brotherly love is the opposite of **self-centered thinking**—when there is no need for defense since you know you are chosen and beloved by God (Do you really trust Jesus and His goodness?)
- ▶ Ultimately, what we are **doing** is to put on a new healthy relationship with God and others.

# Conclusion

- ▶ (v.12) Do you really **believe** that you are chosen, holy, and beloved?
- ▶ Do you really trust in the **goodness** of God?
- ▶ Are you willing to put on **love** (v.14) and the **peace** of Christ (v.15) in your daily relationship with others?
- ▶ (v.15) The outcome—**thanksgiving** (you and everybody around you will notice that)



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