

SERIES: *Colossians*
TITLE: *Chosen Clothes*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Bob Marvel*
PASSAGE: *Colossians 3:1-14*
DATES: *August 6-7, 2022*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- **Put on the distinctive 'clothing' of a Christ follower**
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Bob showed us a picture of his latest Ragnar race outfit (a tie-dye shirt, plaid pants, goggles, and a tutu!). What is the most "distinctive" outfit you've ever worn, to where, and why?
- How can you tell if your "theology" (your knowledge and beliefs of the Bible and God) are affecting your "biography" (your life choices and pursuits)? How can those around you who don't have the same knowledge and beliefs tell?
- Colossians 3:1-4 calls for setting our hearts and minds on things above while we wait for glory. What does that look like, or mean to you?
- Read Colossians 3:5-8, 1 Corinthians 6:13, 19-20 and Romans 12:2. What does it take for people to "put to death," "rid ourselves," "take off" and not "conform to" the listed behaviors that belong to our earthly nature?
- Read Colossians 3:9-10. What came to mind when you heard Bob describe trading your "grave clothes" for "grace clothes?"
- Pastor Bob read a story excerpt from a book by John Ortberg about a little girl with a cleft palate and the kindness of her second-grade teacher. When you read the beginning of Colossians 3:12, what emotions do you feel when you hear that you are chosen and dearly loved?
- The Apostle Paul turns a corner from what could look like a list of legalistic rules (in Colossians 3:5-8) to the distinctive "clothing" of a Christ follower in Colossians 3:12-14. Which seems like the easiest to "put on," and which is the most difficult for you?
- How can learning to forgive others AS Christ forgave you and "putting on love" help you with demonstrating the other attributes?

NEXT STEPS

- Challenge: Pray and ask God to help you remove any behaviors Paul calls us to "put to death" and "get rid of," as well as any idols you may have (anything that is more important in your life than Christ). Then ask for His help in "putting on" the distinctive clothing of His followers.