

TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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DESIGNED TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Active, heartfelt love guarantees harmonious living together with God's people.

Col. 3:14 *And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

Four actions guarantee we are truly loving God's people:

1. **Forbearing and forgiving as Christ has done for us.**

Col. 3:12 *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

Picture of Perfect Harmony:

Compassion: It signifies the manifestation of tender feelings in sympathetic yearnings and action

Kindness: expressed in attitude and deed; seeking to meet the needs of others

Humility: the recognizing of one's own weakness, but also the recognition of the power of God

Meekness: indicates an obedient submissiveness to God and His will. It is the restrained and obedient powers of the personality brought into subjection and submission to God's will by the Holy Spirit

Patience: or longsuffering. It is a long holding out of the mind before it gives room to action or passion. It indicates the patient longsuffering in bearing injustices or unpleasant circumstances without revenge or retaliation but with a view or hope to a final goal or betterment

2. **Pursuing peaceful living with one another.**

Col. 3:15 *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

3. Filling yourself with God's word and speak it to one another.

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

4. Revealing Jesus in everything you do.

Col. 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Note the Trinity on Display!

The Father sent the Son.

The Son accomplished the Father's will.

In accomplishing the Father's will, Jesus secured our new life.

Jesus sent the Spirit.

The Spirit immerses us into the life of Christ, unifies us as one body, and brings truth to our minds.

How grateful we are!!!

Discussion & Reflection Questions:

1. Describe a situation where it was difficult to love a fellow believer. How do the five qualities listed in verse 12 help form a better foundation for relationships?
2. Reflect on what Christ endured/accomplished on the cross (Read Hebrews 12:1-3). How does this promote "bearing with one another" and "forgiving one another"?
3. Of the four actions that guarantee our loving the people of God, which one do you find the most difficult? Formulate some goals to grow in this area.
4. Take time TODAY to write out a "letter of gratitude" to God. Allow Colossians 3:15-17 to inform your thankfulness.

SONGS

"God Is For Us" - James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Kleyn, Michael Farren, and Jesse Reeves

"Center" - Charlie Hall

"O Praise The Name [Anástasis]" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson and Benjamin Hastings

"Goodness Of God" - Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK:	\$24,267.00
WEEKLY NEED:	\$34,979.00

YTD GIVING:	\$1,324,029.00
YTD GENERAL NEED:	\$1,364,181.00