**Sermon Notes**

**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“The Jersey of the New Self”**

**Colossians 3: 10-14**

**Big Idea: Just as there are behaviors, thoughts, and actions that the Christian should strive to *‘put off’* in light of their new identity, there are also behaviors, thoughts, and actions that the Christian should strive to *‘put on’* in light of their new identity.**

**As we consider Colossians 3: 10-14, let’s observe three key things for this text**

1. **Putting on the jersey of the new self is initiated in who we are already in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Putting on the jersey of the new self happens as we increase in knowledge of God through His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Putting on the jersey of the new self is fostered through life within the gathered church\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Putting on the jersey of the new self is initiated in who we are already in Jesus.***

**Paul reminds us first (in v10) that something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, different, and altogether wonderful has happened to the one who has given themselves to Jesus.**

**It is God who, by His Spirit, first opens our heart and eyes to believe and repent and it is God who by His spirit walks daily with the believer in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us in knowledge and Christlikeness.**

**Before I do anything at all – I am - if I have turned from sin and repented and believed in faith – I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, holy, and beloved by God.**

**The Christian has been called away from the old self and sin they once loved and are now called to the new self and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Christian can run hard after Jesus and daily put on the new self because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the work of God within them.**

***Putting on the jersey of the new self happens as we increase in knowledge of God through His Word.***

**The process of daily dying to the old self and putting on the new is a day to day and sometimes moment by moment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Growing in increasing Christlikeness is the mark of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ follower of Jesus.**

***Putting on the jersey of the new self is fostered through life within the gathered church body.***

**The practical fruits putting on the jersey the new self in v12-14 are all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of living amongst, in community, and in relationship with others.**

**As Christians we are to feel inward and deep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for others and display loving kindness toward others.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are counter to the wisdom of the world, but to the believer, they are it a fruit of the new self.**

**The Christian is to clothe themselves in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – as they bear with one another and forgive, even as Christ forgave them.**

**Just as Jesus did for us, God also expects His people to exhibit unmerited, unconditioned, unearned to love toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Blanks: Jesus; Word; body; new; renew; chosen; Christlikeness; empowered; progression; true; products; compassion; humility & meekness; patience; others;

Corporate Scripture Reading – Titus 2: 1-15

But as for you, teach what accords with sounddoctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Bondservantsare to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.