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sermon notes

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The Community of the Rooted
Colossians 3:12-17

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Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly and you will look and act more and more like him.

What? Christ is our model. We should look and act like him.

Matthew 9:36

2 Peter 3:15 & Romans 2:4

Philippians 2:5-8

Matthew 11:28-29

Why? Our new identity in Christ is our motivation to put on the character of Christ. (v.12)

1. We are a part of a new community that is ULTRA-diverse. (v.13)

“bear with one another in love”

“forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

2. Add two more virtues to glue us together in perfect unity.

“put on love ...” (v.14)

“let the peace of Christ **rule in your hearts** ...” (v.15)

How? Worship is the means of developing the character of Christ.

1. Worship in here (v.16)

2. Worship out there (v.17)

Now What?

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home group notes

Week of October 14

Rooted #7: The Community of the Rooted

The purpose of Home Groups is to grow in what it means to be rooted in Jesus and reaching our worlds. You can find out more and get connected through our website.



Share It

Get to know one another

What might it feel like to be a new Justice of the Supreme Court?
What might it change in one's life?



Study the Word

Questions to help learn from the Bible

Last week, the focus was on "taking off" the former way of life – selfish and unkind. This week's passage looks at how His people reflect the character of God in their lives. Read Colossians 3:12-17. How does Paul (the author) describe those who are in Christ? What is our new identity? (3:1-4, 12-17)

List the seven specific commands that are given. (12-17)

How is Christ connected with each of these imperatives?

How would you summarize how we are to live?



Discuss Together

Conversations about application

How is our new identity and mindset the key to the fulfillment of this new lifestyle? How is this way of living a result of the Word of Christ dwelling in us? (3:1-4, 12, 17)

Knowing that the commands are all addressed to "you" plural, what might it look like for us to live out this "new self" together? (For example, how might we "teach and admonish" one another?)

How do our differences make these commands difficult to fulfill?



Pray

Suggestions for this week

- For us to live lives worthy of our high calling in Christ
- For our ministry of International Friendship Connection



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Meditate on Colossians 3:17 and the joy and hope of being God's people.