**Series: Colossians**

**Today: How Christ Changes People**

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“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and each individual that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives.” - Wayne Grudem

**Colossians 3:1-17**

1. **Imagination**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ, who is yourlife, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

1. **Subtraction**

*5Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians+3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29524b)*] 7You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

1. **Addition**

*12Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Compassion = getting into their shoes

Kindness = treat better than deserve

Humility = accept the lesser role

Gentleness = restrained, not harsh

Patience = enduring more than you should

Forgiving = because we know forgiveness firsthand

1. **Collaboration**

*15Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

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**Video of a long jumper – Richard, please find a good video of this. thanks**

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