

COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON

Things to Put On

Col. 3:12-17

Lesson 8

- Intro. 1. In our lesson we studied some things to put off? Why were they to be put off?
2. It is not enough to "put off" evil things. We must "put on the good." Many failures to conquer bad habits and evil practices are the result of failing to begin what is good.
3. The things to be put on begin with the same *"therefore"* that preceded things to put off. Review the reasons given in Lesson 7 for **putting off** the things named.
a. Vs. 3
b. Vs. 4-5
c. Vs. 6
d. Vs. 7, 9-10
4. What reasons are given in verses 10-11 for **putting on** the things that follow?
a.
b.
5. What additional reasons are given in verse 12?

I. Things to "Put On" (vss. 12-15) Define (As noted previously, other translations will help):

1. Tender mercies
2. Kindness
3. Humbleness of mind
4. Meekness
5. Long suffering (verse 13 will help)
6. Who is our example in all of this? What previous verses suggest why this would be true?
7. What is to be put on "above all these things"? What is it called in 14b?
8. What is to rule in our hearts? (*cf.* Eph. 2:11-19, 4:1-6)

II. Means of Encouraging these Qualities (vs 16).

1. What must dwell in us richly?
Is this the same as being filled with the Spirit (See Ephesians 5:18-19, a parallel passage)?
2. How can we teach and admonish one another?
3. What tests of a song would this verse suggest?
What tests of our manner of singing?
4. Though we teach and admonish one another, to whom are our songs directed?
Note: "Grace" in the KJ is translated "thankfulness" (RSV) continuing the thought of vs. 15.

III. A General Rule for Christian Conduct (vs. 17):

1. Find some things in other scriptures that are said to be "in the name of the Lord."
2. What is meant by this expression?