

Part 3:  
Putting On  
Compassion  
and Kindness  
Colossians 3:12

# Becoming Like Jesus

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- As God's special people, we must put on the clothing befitting this honor!
  - To *put on, or wear*, these characteristics means God wants them seen in our lives.
  - Without these characteristics, we find ourselves spiritually naked and shameful.

# Clothing: A Heart of Compassion

- What is compassion?
  - Defined: pity, mercy, heartfelt compassion or kindness [in relieving sorrow and want]
  - A sympathetic consciousness of other's distress with an active desire to alleviate that distress
- How do we develop true compassion?
  - We learn it from God – Ex. 34:5-7; Jas. 5:11; Lam. 3:22-23
  - We see it in Jesus – Heb. 4:14-16
- We must emulate God's compassion in our lives – 2 Cor. 1:3-4; Gal. 6:1-2; Rom. 15:1-3

# Clothing: A Heart of Kindness

- What is kindness?
  - Defined: generosity, moral good/goodness, kindness [sympathetic concern for the well-being of others] that causes us to act rightly toward others
  - An important characteristic of the Christians life – Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 13:4; 2 Pet. 1:5-11
- How do we develop godly kindness?
  - We learn it from God – Psa. 117:1-2; Titus 3:3-7
  - God's kindness is to produce kindness in us – Titus 3:1-3, 8; Eph. 4:30-32
- Though kindness may be difficult to maintain, remember the light it will shine in this dark world – 2 Tim. 3:2-4