

Part 4:  
Putting On  
Humility,  
Gentleness,  
and Patience

# Becoming Like Jesus

Colossians 3

# Put On... Humility

- Defined: lowliness of mind, modesty, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness
  - Humility is a matter of the heart. God wants others to see us from the inside out
  - It is easy to see why humility has not been highly valued by the world
- The N.T. presents it as a divine virtue – Phil. 2:3-8
  - God demands selfless humility – 2:3-4
  - Why, because it was clearly exemplified in Christ – 2:5-8
- We must humble ourselves if we hope to be justified before God – Lk. 18:10-14

# Put on... Gentleness

- Defined: mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, courtesy, considerateness, humility, meekness
  - Concerns controlling our thoughts and actions for the good of others
  - Though often equated with weakness, it is strength
- Jesus provides the example of gentleness
  - His gentleness is motivation for responding to God – Mt. 11:28-30; 2 Cor. 10:1
  - If the perfect, all-powerful God was willing to show gentleness/meekness for sinners, we as sinners must do the same – Titus 3:1-7

# Put On... Patience

- Defined: enduring of evil, slowness of avenging injuries or wrongs, long-suffering (toward others), forbearance, steadfastness
  - Concerns our response when faced with weakness or provocation
  - It is resolute refusal to retaliate – Rom. 12:18-21
  - It is a holding out under trial, prolonged refusal to yield to anger
- Patience is learned through the attitude and actions of God
  - God is a truly patient God – Psa. 86:15; 103:9-10; 2 Pet. 3:9, 14-15
  - As special recipients of God's patience, we are to show it to others – Eph. 4:1-3; Gal. 5:22-23; Jas. 1:19-20