

HUMILITY, THE WAY OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience..."

Christian faith provides new life, hope, home; an new inheritance († Cor. 5:17). The new life means, that the old life is dead and gone. Paul, the Apostle says, "I am crucified with Christ, yet I live, but it is not I that live, but Christ who is alive in me, and the life that I now live is a life of faith (Gal. 2:20)." So we don't just have a new lifestyle, but a new faith life. Styles change with fashions, seasons, and regions. Depending on the season we consider our attire and apparel. We dress for the climate weather, it be the heat of summer or the frigid cold of winter. The place or region where you reside can also determine your attire. People who live In Hawaii, don't have the same weather as those who live in Alaska. Therefore the dress code calls for a different style of dress. Since we as believers have a new life, new hope and a new home, each of these assurances requires change. In the book of Colossians, as believers we are encouraged to consider our spiritual attire by what we are to "put off," and what as Christians we are required to "put on." A garment in scripture is the symbol of character. Instead of considering the words "garments" and "clothing" we desire in this passage to capitalize on the Biblical expression, "Put on." Yes, we have new life in Christ Jesus, and we also have new hope in the person of Jesus as well as in the place called heaven. Our hope is in Christ, and our home is in heaven. In (Colossians 3:1-17),

Paul writes about the principles of holy living regarding the believers affection and apparel here, while living here, looking to go there. Regarding the believer's affection (3:1-4), first, Paul speaks to the place of our affection or hope (3:1-3). We must transfer our affection from earth to heaven. Our focus and investments changes from earthly things to heavenly things. Then he addresses the person of our affection and hope (3:4). We must direct our affection and hope toward Jesus, looking unto Him, who is the author and finisher of our faith. In regard to the believer's spiritual apparel (3:5-17), Paul says, now that we have a new life, new home and a new hope; which parenthetically speaks to a change in attitude, behavior and character, therefore we should dress the part. So as a Christian, he begins with what we should "put off." It's somewhat strange to put on new clothes atop of old ones. Sadly, many do. First thing to put off in found in (3:5-9): God's anger comes on those who practice: a. Immorality and idolatry (3:5), b. Anger, malice, slander, and filthy language (3:8) c. Lying (3:9). As Christians who reflect the characteristics of Jesus Christ, we are required to "Put on," what's found in (3:10-17), a new nature (3:10-11), compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience (3:12), forgiveness and love (3:13-14), God's peace and thankfulness (3:15), The words of Christ (3:16-17). While boarding a plan from Chicago Midway Airport, I observed a passenger, dressed in shorts and a tee shirt, now mind you, it is mid December, and his attire was clearly an attention grabber, then it hit me, we were all headed to Florida. He wasn't dressed for where he was, he was dressed for where he was going. Are people aware of who you are and who's you are because of your attire? If nothing else, be clothed in humility and love that your apparel will reflect, who's you are and where you're going.

Reverend Eddie L. Jenkins, Pastor

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In Bereavement... The family of Sister Beulah Behan

Wake: Monday December 5, 2022

5:00 pm -7:00 pm

Lincoln Funeral Home Chapel

8100 Fireside Drive Dallas, Texas 75217

Funeral: Tuesday, December 6, 2022—11:00 am

Please pray for this family and other families who are experiencing the devastating loss of loved ones.



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The Verlether Grant Atrium and all classrooms have been cleaned out and set up for classes. We are now in the last phase of our cleanup and cleanout effort. There are file cabinets, dry-erase boards, pictures, and posters that were not labeled.

Currently, these items are being stored in a small space in the Atrium. Please stop by before December 16th to look through these items to see if they belong to you or your ministry. If there are items that you no longer need but could be used by another ministry, please label them. If there are items that you no longer want, please throw them out in the dumpster located outside behind the Atrium. The dumpster will be removed from the premises on December 21st. All items not claimed will be removed and discarded.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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