

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of trees in the foreground, a hill in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS:

Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

New Identity—New Dress Code
Colossians 3:12–14

Col. 3:12, “Therefore, . . . put on [character qualities of graciousness];

Col. 3:13, “[by] bearing with one another, and [by] forgiving one another, . . . even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

Col. 3:14, “But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

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aor mid imp

Dress, clothe; put on

The aorist imperative emphasizes a priority command.

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Col. 2:11–12, “In Him you were also [spiritually] circumcised . . . , by putting off [*ekduo*] the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [by being] buried with Him in baptism, ...”

Col. 3:8, “But now you yourselves are to put off [*apotithemi*] all these ...”

Col. 3:10–11, “[because you] have put on [*enduo*] the new man ... where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

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“Putting on Christ” happens simultaneously with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

(cf., Col. 3:10, in contrast to “put off” in Col. 3:8, 3:9)

ETERNAL REALITIES

Positional Truth

Identification Truth

IN CHRIST

“Have put on Christ”

New Life in Christ

Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit



ACTS 16:31

TEMPORAL REALITIES

ETERNAL REALITIES

Positional Truth

Identification Truth

IN CHRIST

“You have put off the old man”
“you have put on the new man”
Col. 3:9–10



ACTS 16:31

TEMPORAL REALITIES

Experiential Reality

FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Walking by the Holy Spirit”

“Put off” Col. 3:8
“Put on...” Col. 3:12ff

1 Jn. 1:9

SIN NATURE

CARNALITY
Sin Nature Control

