

The Good Life - Week 3  
The Sanctification of Christ  
Colossians 3  
February 16, 2020

**Getting To Know You:**

- 1) Which type of makeover show are you most likely to watch: home, restaurant, weight, clothes, etc.? Why?
- 2) In buying clothes, are you a name-brand buyer? A bargain hunter? Spouse conscience? Style conscience? Or could you care less of what others think - really?

**Digging Deeper:**

- 3) How much contrast is there between the "clothes" of the earthly nature and those of God's chosen people? How hard does it seem to take off the first and put on the second? How is it possible?
- 4) What practical difference does this "new clothing" make in the relationships between wives and husbands? Between parents and children? Bosses and employees?
- 5) What is your response to verse 5 that says, "put to death earthly things in you." (i.e. does it feel harsh? Do you feel you've already accomplished it? Maybe it doesn't seem to apply to some things? Etc.) Why would the author use this language?
- 6) Verse 12 calls the Colossians "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved". Do you read this as describing yourself as well? Why or why not?
- 7) How does clothing relate to identity? (i.e. Does it express identity? Help reinforce it? Signal it? Etc.) If we extend the clothing metaphor to these lists, what happens? (i.e. Where can we shop to get it? Does it look good on everyone? Can I find it in my size? Is it in season? Etc.) What insights does thinking of these qualities as clothing give you?
- 8) Do you think the instruction in verse 17 put limits on your behavior or creates freedom? Why?

**Living It Out:**

- 9) Which aspect of your old nature feels like a comfortable old T-shirt to you now? Why is it difficult to shed or remove?
- 10) Which aspect of Christ's character do you need to clothe yourself with, in relation to your husband or wife? Your parents or children? Your boss or employees?
- 11) How can we help hold you accountable to what God has shown you to put off and on this week?