

Become What Christ is Making You

Colossians 3:12-13

From Death to Life

"... you have **put off** the old self with its practices and have **put on** the new self..." (v. 9b-10a)

The Christian life is not merely the rejection of _____.

It is the pursuit of _____.

Throughout church history, theologians have described these two aspects of sanctification as mortification and _____.

Mortification removes what does not belong to Christ. Vivification cultivates what does.

God is not merely _____ something *from* His people.

He is _____ something *in* His people.

_____ – Who I Am in Christ

"Put on then, as **God's chosen ones**, holy and beloved ..." (v. 12a)

Before he tells believers what to do, he reminds them _____.

That is why the Christian life does not begin with _____. That is _____.

Nor does the Christian life begin with _____. That is _____.

The Christian life begins with _____. It begins with the reality of who we _____ because of God's saving work in Christ.

We are _____.

Election is the eternal source of our salvation. Before we ever sought God, God set His saving love upon us.

We are _____.

That does not mean we are sinless. It means we have been set apart by God and for God.

We are _____.

The love of God is not the reward for our obedience; it is the reason for it.

_____ – What Christ is Forming in Me

"... *compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience* ..." (12b)

The old life was characterized by sinful _____ and sinful _____.

The new life is characterized by Christlike _____.

Compassion is ...

Kindness is ...

Humility is ...

Meekness is ...

Patience is ...

Taken together, these virtues form a portrait of _____.

The goal of sanctification is not _____.

The goal is _____.

Conduct – Where Christ is Displayed Through Me

... bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (v. 13)

Paul is moving us from disposition to _____, from character to _____, from what Christ is forming within us to how Christ is _____ through us.

To bear with one another means ...

Forgiveness means ...

The reason for all of this is found in the final phrase:

"As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

The gospel becomes both the _____ and the _____.

Conclusion

Last week Paul called us to put sin to _____.

This week he calls us to bring Christlikeness to _____.

Do not settle for merely avoiding sin.

Pursue Christlikeness.

Become what Christ is making you.