

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Col. 3:12-13**

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**RECAP:** Paul begins a new thought process here, in the second half of chapter 3, and turns to further practical advice for living, but much more focused on what proper Christians lives should look like.

- **“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,”**
  - This Greek word is the word *“endumi,”* which is a simple verb that means to “clothe, array, or decorate yourself with.” It is tied to clothing and putting on armor. The clothing analogy is important because, as believers, we are supposed to *“wear”* this kind of behavior.
    - **“Chosen ones.”** Paul calls us a chosen people, selected by God. This Greek word is “Eklektos,” and it means “to choose, select, or favor.” **Matt. 22:14, Romans 8:33**
    - **“Holy.”** The second word here is the word “Holy,” which is the Greek word “agios.” It means “something set apart, removed, set aside.”
    - **“Beloved,”** God loves you, His chosen children! God’s fatherly love for His children is immeasurable.
  
- **“...compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other,”**
  - **“Compassionate hearts,”** The Greek word is “splagnia,” which is typically understood in Greek as the lower abdomen, or the intestines. As we’ve seen in Jonathan Edwards, your heart, as well as your mind, has to be engaged in your service to God!
  - **“kindness,”** This word means exactly that in Greek, it means “gentleness, kindness, or goodness,” and it describes a good disposition or good state of mind towards someone else.
  - **“humility,”** This one seems the hardest in light of all we have been given. As Christ said in **Matt. 11:29, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”** also **Phil. 2:5-8**
    - Christ sets a clear example. **“Knowledge puffs up.” 1<sup>st</sup>. Cor. 8:1.** As believers in Christ, if we become so full of our own knowledge, our own election and love of God, then we become proud. And a proud man is not a kind man, or a gracious or caring one.
  - **“meekness,”** This word comes up in Galatians **5:23, 6:1** as a fruit of the Spirit, but it is most prominently explained in Paul’s admonition to **2nd Tim. 2:22-25.** When we’re being confronted and treated poorly, we need also to maintain this spirit of **“meekness.”**
  - **“and patience, bearing with one another,”** This Greek word is not the word for patience, found in **Gal. 5:22,** but instead is best translated “forebearance.” Christ uses this word in **Matt. 17:17.** You bear with somebody or something that is difficult. You have long-suffering, you don’t complain, and you deal with it, with grace.
  - **“if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other,”** This phrase can really be summarized as the characteristic of forgiveness. When wronged, we forgive one another. This is a basic Christian tenet. **Matt. 18:22-35**

**Conclusion: This is an extremely tall order. But we must leave this text with not just a realization**

**of how loved we are, but of how much we are called to do.**