**Put On… (Part 1)**

Prepared by Nathan L Morrison for Sunday September 17th, 2017

Text: Col. 3:12-14

# Intro

1. Mankind has always been obsessed with appearance and has spent time and money on wardrobe!
2. According to Global Fashion Industry Statistics (<https://fashionunited.com/global-fashion-industry-statistics>) the global apparel market is valued at over 3 trillion dollars and accounts for 2 percent of the world's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
   1. The womenswear industry is valued at 621 billion dollars
   2. The menswear industry is valued at 402 billion dollars
   3. The retail value of the luxury goods market is 339.4 billion dollars
   4. Childrenswear had a global retail value of 186 billion dollars
   5. Sports footwear is valued at 90.4 billion dollars
   6. The bridalwear industry is valued at 57 billion dollars
3. After being told to “Lay aside” certain evil practices (Heb. 12:1; Js. 1:21; I Pet. 2:1: Weights & sin, wickedness, malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander), saints must “put on” the traits of God!
   1. Eph. 4:22: Lay aside old self; Eph. 4:24: Put on new self!
4. God has told mankind that it is the inner person that truly matters and makes one beautiful to God
   1. *I Sam. 16:7:* The world judges by appearance but God sees the heart!
   2. Eph. 3:14-19 (esp. v.16-17): Christ must dwell in the inner man, that is, the inner person of the heart through faith!
5. God has given mankind His “Fashion Advice” on adorning the hearts of mankind!
   1. Col. 3:12-14: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Love, and Forgiveness!
   2. “Put on” = *G1746 enduō [en-doo-o]:* “to envelope in, clothe with.”
   3. Thayer (commenting on the use of this verb in Col. 3:10: “put on the new man”), says: “to become so possessed of the mind of Christ as in thought, feeling, and action to resemble Him and, as it were, reproduce the life He lived.”
6. To have our hearts properly adorned let us “put on” the complete ensemble of virtues from God!
7. **Compassion**
   * 1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with hearts of compassion (KJV: “bowels of mercies”)
        1. Compassion = *G3628 oiktirmos [oyk-tir-mos']:* pity, mercy
     2. Trait of God
        1. This is an attribute of God, who is described as compassionate and who acted so on our behalf! (Ex. 33:19; Rom. 9:15: God revealed Himself to Moses as compassionate; II Cor. 1:3: “Father of mercies” = mercies is same word as “compassion”; Js. 5:11: “Full of compassion”)
        2. Jesus showed compassion – *Mt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mk. 1:41; 6:34; 8:2*
     3. Must show “Compassion” towards others:
        1. Genuine sensitivity and heartfelt sympathy for the needs of others.
        2. Mt. 5:7: Jesus said the one who shows mercy will receive mercy! *(Both merciful, G1655, and mercy, G1653, mean “compassionate”)*
        3. Jude 1:21-23: We are to show mercy *(G1656, G1653: compassion)* to the lost and weak in faith!
     4. When we “put on” compassion we clothe ourselves with Christ and share an attribute of God!

**Kindness**

1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with kindness
   * + 1. Kindness = *G5544 chrēstotēs [khray-stot'-ace]:* “Usefulness, moral excellence.”
2. Trait of God:
3. Rom. 2:4; 11:22: God is a God of severity and a God of kindness!
4. Eph. 2:4-9; Titus 3:4-7: God showed kindness to mankind through Jesus Christ! By Jesus His kindness was extended to man in that we could be saved!
5. Must show “Kindness” to others:
6. Acting charitably, benevolently toward others, as God has done toward us. Kindness takes the initiative in responding generously to others’ needs.
7. Because believers have received kindness, we ought to act that way toward others. This does not come naturally; it is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
8. Vine’s says, “Mildness of temper, calmness of spirit, an unruffled disposition, and a disposition to treat all with politeness.”
9. Acts 9:36, 39: Tabitha (Dorcas) showed kindness by thinking of others and seeing to their needs! (Mt. 10:42: Just a cup of cold water…)
10. II Cor. 6:4-7: Kindness must be a trait even while suffering!
11. Eph. 4:32: We are to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to others!
12. When we “put on” kindness we clothe ourselves with Christ and share an attribute of God!

**Humility**

1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with humility (KJV: “humbleness of mind”)
   * + 1. Humility = *G5012 tapeinophrosunē [tap-i-nof-ros-oo'-nay]:* “humiliation of mind, that is, modesty.” Modesty here refers not to clothing but to our own esteem.
2. Required of mankind towards God:
3. Acts 20:18-19: Paul told the elders of Ephesus (20:17) he served the Lord in “humility” (KJV: “humility of mind”). He did not come to them in arrogance or puffed up.
4. I Pet. 5:5: All saints are to have this humility to each other and to God: He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble!
5. Js. 4:10: Humble = *G5013 tapeinoō [tap-i-no'-o]:* figuratively to humiliate (in condition or heart): - abase, bring low, humble (self).
6. Jesus, our example:
   1. As Christ humbled Himself (Mt. 11:29: *G5011 tapeinos;* 26:39; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 5:8), so believers ought to humble themselves in service to the Lord and Savior (Phil. 2:5; Heb. 5:9).
   2. *Jn. 13:3-17:* Jesus washed His apostles’ feet as an example for them to do unto others!
      1. Must show “Humility” to others:
         1. An attitude of self-esteem that is neither puffed up with pride, nor self-depreciating. It is a true understanding of one’s position with God.
         2. Eph. 4:2: “Humility” is “lowliness”in the KJV and is humility of the mind *(G5012).*
         3. Phil. 2:3: “Humility of mind” will regard others as more important than oneself!
         4. I Pet. 5:5: Must “clothe” ourselves in *(“Put on…”)* humility to each other and to God.
      2. When we “put on” humility we clothe ourselves with Christ and submit to God!

**Conclusion**

* + 1. Do we spend all our time, money, and energy on ***only*** our physical appearance?
    2. Our eternity is dependent on how much time we spend on our spiritual appearance!
       1. II Pet. 1:10-11: “As long as you practice these things...” *(II Pet. 1:5-9)*
       2. These are the important “adornments” we should want to spend time on!
    3. World: Outer Appearance is all important – Fashion, cosmetics, surgeries, etc.
    4. God: Inner Appearance is all important – Compassion, Kindness, Humility, etc.
    5. Whose “fashion advice” will we listen to?
       1. The world? Going through life only concerned with our outer appearance will not make us pleasing to God and will lead to eternal destruction! (II Jn. 2:15-17)
       2. God? Obedience to the gospel will cause us to “clothe ourselves with Christ” in baptism (Gal. 3:27), and then we will clothe our hearts with His virtues!
    6. Let us “put on” the clothing of Christ by adorning our hearts in obedience to God!
    7. If not a Christian, need to be! Repent and be baptized, “clothing yourself in Christ!”
    8. If a Christian in error…repent of your sins and be renewed!
    9. Whatever your requests, let them be known by coming forward ***NOW*** while we stand and sing!