**Put On… (Part 2)**

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Text: Col. 3:12-14

# Intro

1. 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!
2. 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! (We looked at the first three in Part 1)
   2. “Put on” = *G1746 enduō [en-doo-o]:* “to envelope in, clothe with.” *(Rom. 13:14)*
3. To have our hearts properly adorned let us “put on” Christ’s character and virtues from God!
4. **Gentleness**
   * 1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with gentleness (KJV: “meekness”)
        1. Gentleness = *G4240 prautēs [prah-oo'-tace]:* mildness, that is, (by implication) humility: - meekness (NKJ: “meekness”). *(NAS: II Cor. 10:1: “Meekness”; Titus 3:2: “Consideration”; Js. 1:21: “Humility”)*
        2. The distinction between “gentleness, or meekness” *(G4240)* and “patience” (G3115) is slight.
        3. Gentleness *(G4240)* is said to be the temper which accepts God’s dealings, or evil inflicted by men as His instruments, without resistance *(Expositor’s Bible Commentary).*
        4. Patience/Longsuffering *(G3115)* is said to be the long holding out of the mind before it gives way to a temptation to action, or passion *(Expositor’s Bible Commentary).*
        5. Gentleness/Meekness is often misunderstood to be weakness.
        6. Not spineless but full of conviction! (Moses – Num. 12:3: KJV – Meek & NAS – Humble)
        7. ***It is strength under control!***

*Fictional character:* Superman. A teaser poster promoting the film, ‘Man of Steel’ (2013) came out showing Superman in handcuffs and escorted by soldiers. Critics and fans alike noted the lack of “Kryptonite” (His known weakness) and had critics using the word “humility.” I made a “Humility” poster out of it! *Strength under control!*

* + 1. Trait of God and of Jesus, our example!
       1. I Kings 19:11-13: God spoke to Elijah, not out of an earthquake or fire, but a gentle wind!
       2. II Cor. 10:1: Christ is meek *(G4240)* and gentle *(G1932).*
       3. Mt. 11:28-30: Jesus is “Gentle” *(G4239 praus: mild, meek, humble)* and “Humble” *(G5011 tapeinos: humble, lowly, fig. or lit. humiliated) –* **Mt. 21:1-5: A Gentle King! (Zech. 9:9)**
       4. Jesus displayed such humility on the cross! He had the authority to lay down His life and take it back (Jn. 10:18), He submitted to the Father’s will yet had the power to stop it (Mt. 26:39, 53), and allowed Himself to die on the cross (Lk. 23:46).
    2. Must show “Gentleness” towards others:
       1. Humility allows one to rebuke without rancor, argue without intolerance, and can face the truth without resentment; “be angry and sin not.” (*Eph. 4:26*)
       2. Mt. 5:5: Jesus said blessed are the gentle (meek) for they will inherit the earth!
       3. I Tim. 3:3: Elders are to be “gentle.”
       4. I Pet. 3:1-4: Wives are to have a “gentle spirit.”
       5. Phil. 4:5: All saints are to have a “gentle spirit.” *(Gal. 5:22: Fruit of the Spirit!)*
       6. Gal. 6:1: Saints are to restore the fallen or the weak in gentleness! *(II Tim. 2:24-26: Correct in gentleness)*
       7. Eph. 4:1-3: To walk in a “worthy manner” of the gospel requires saints to be gentle (meek)!
    3. When we “put on” gentleness we clothe ourselves with Christ & share an attribute of God!

**Patience**

1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with patience (KJV: “longsuffering”)
   * + 1. Patience = *G3115* *makrothumia [mak-roth-oo-mee'-ah]:* “Forbearance or (subjectively) fortitude: - longsuffering, patience.”
       2. This is putting up with people who irritate. The person might have the right to retaliate, but chooses patience instead. The Holy Spirit’s work in us increases our endurance.
2. Trait of God and of Jesus, our example!
3. Ex. 34:6: “Compassionate and slow to anger” (KJV: “Longsuffering”) from a combination Heb. word that means, “patient, slow to anger, long-suffering” (H750, H639).
4. Ps. 86:15: “Slow to anger” (KJV: “Longsuffering”)
5. Rom. 2:4: Don’t take for granted God’s patience! (I Pet. 3:20: Days of Noah)
6. II Pet. 3:9, 15: Jesus, the Lord, is patient (KJV: “Longsuffering”), not willing for any to perish but to come to repentance!
7. Must show “Patience” to others:
8. Gal. 5:22: Patience (Longsuffering) is a fruit of the Spirit!
9. Eph. 4:2; Col. 1:11; I Thess. 5:14: Saints are to be patient with each other, and all men!
10. II Tim. 2:24; 4:2: Saints are to correct and teach with “great patience!”
11. I Tim. 3:3: Elders are to be patient, longsuffering.
12. Rom. 12:12; James 5:7-8: Be patient in trials and in waiting for Jesus’ 2nd Coming!
13. When we “put on” patience we clothe ourselves with Christ and share an attribute of God!

**Love**

1. Put on, or clothe ourselves, with love (KJV: “charity”)
   * + 1. Love = *G26 agapē [ag-ah'-pay]:* “love, that is, affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast: - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love (a selfless, sacrificial love).
       2. Much can be said of love, for it is the trait of God and of Jesus and what we are to exhibit!
2. Trait of God and of Jesus, our example!
3. I Jn. 4:8, 10: “God is love!” (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8: God’s love is shown in sending Jesus!)
4. Jesus, our example:
   1. Jn. 13:34-35: Jesus set the standard in knowing and showing love: as He loved us!
      1. Must show “Love” to others:
         1. Mt. 6:24: Cannot serve two masters: must choose to love God! (Jn. 14:15)
         2. Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:3-5: Husbands to love *(G26 agapē)* their wives and wives to love *(G5362 philandros, from phileo: “tender affection”)* their husbands and their children!
         3. Mt. 5:43-48; 22:39; Rom. 12:19-21: We are to love our neighbors and even our enemies!
         4. Gal. 5:22: Love is a fruit of the Spirit (Eph. 4:2; I Jn. 4:7, 16: We are to love one another!)
         5. I Pet. 2:17: Saints are to “love the brotherhood!” (Eph. 1:15; Col. 1:4: Love for all the saints)
      2. When we “put on” love we clothe ourselves with Christ and share an attribute of God!

**Conclusion**

* + 1. Clothing ourselves with the new nature (Col. 3:10) affects how we treat others:
       1. Paul called the Colossian saints to make allowance for each other’s faults.
       2. Having compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, and love will allow us to forgive one another, like our example in love, Jesus *(Jn. 13:34-35).*
       3. We are to forgive each other as He forgave us! (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)
    2. The key to forgiving others is to:
       1. Remember how much the Lord forgave (Mt. 18:32-34) us and do likewise!
    3. First, one must be baptized to “clothe” oneself with Christ (Gal. 3:27).
    4. Then after becoming a child of God, saints must continually make sure we are “putting on” the character of Christ! (Col. 3:12-14; Rom. 13:14)
    5. Let us “put on” Christ by adorning our hearts in His character and in obedience to God!
    6. If not a Christian, need to be! Repent and be baptized, “clothing yourself in Christ!”
    7. If a Christian in error…repent of your sins and be renewed! “Put on” Christ’s characteristics!
    8. Whatever your requests, let them be known by coming forward ***NOW*** while we stand and sing!