SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: The Christian's Wardrobe
PASSAGE: Colossians 3:12–14
DATE: August 23, 2020

I. **An Unchanging Identity (v. 12a)**
   a. Chosen
   b. Holy
   c. Beloved

   - "You have not chosen me but I chose you that you should bear much fruit."
     - John 15:15

II. **A Change of Spiritual Clothes (v. 12–14)**
   The Christian Wardrobe:

   a. Compassionate hearts
   b. Kindness
   c. Humility
   d. Meekness
   e. Patience
   f. Bearing with one another
   g. Forgiving one another
   h. Harmonious love

   - "Heart of compassion deals with our attitude towards others and their difficulties; humility is our attitude towards self; patience is how we deal with others." – John Kitchen

   - "Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive. But to be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." – CS Lewis

   - "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." – 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

Three Challenges:

1. Urgent-less virtues
2. Community-less virtues
3. Christ-less virtues

Benediction:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."
– Galatians 5:22-26

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. Which article of spiritual clothing is most challenging for you to put on consistently and why?
2. Which of the three challenges (urgent-less, community-less, and Christ-less) do you need to grow in the most and why?