

Walking in Christ in His Church

Colossians 3:12-14

12. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
13. 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.
14. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Our union with Christ results in walking in Christ in His Church

1. The foundation for walking in Christ in His Church

Verse 12a

2. The fruit of walking in Christ in His Church

verses 12b-14

Questions for Personal Reflection

1. Is there any sense in which you think the characteristics that you are to put on might make me vulnerable and may lead to being taken advantage of? How does your union with Christ and all that's true of you now, because of Him, give you the security you need to walk these out?
2. Think back to the last time you were wronged by someone. Did you handle that situation considering the instructions in verse 13? What could you have done differently in order to please the Lord in that situation? How might this help you to walk in Him in the future when wronged?
3. Do you find in your heart any hesitancy to forgive others? If so, meditate on Matthew 18:21-35
4. How is it that putting on love would bind everything that Paul has mentioned together?
5. What type of witness would a church who walks out these verses have in the community around them? In what ways would this show the world something they may never experience?