

Living as The Chosen.
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Colossians 3:12-17-NIV

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, *clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.*

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Compassion: (Bowels of mercy) - *deep inward affection, tender mercy.*

Kindness: *moral goodness, integrity, benevolent heart.* **Humility:** *the having a humble opinion of oneself.* **Gentleness:** *Meekness, mildness, softness, compliant, submitted.* **Patience:** *Longsuffering - forbearance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs.*

Verse 13 we are commanded to 'bear with and forgive one another'.

Passion – 13 Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another *in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.*

True fellowship must come from within, from the hearts of the believers.

forgive' literally means to cancel a debt.

Verse 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Passion – 14 For love is supreme and *must flow through each of these virtues.* Love becomes the mark of true maturity.

Verse 15 Let the peace of Christ *rule in your hearts,* since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Passion - 15 Let your heart be always guided by the peace of the Anointed One, who called you to peace as part of His one body. And always be thankful.

Firstly, it is Christ's peace, that peace which He expresses as the Lord of Peace.

Secondly, He brings the peace which is our salvation.

Thirdly, Paul says that Christ's peace must 'rule' in the midst of the Church.

Verse 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Passion - 16 Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with all wisdom. Apply the Scriptures as you teach and instruct one another with the Psalms, and with festive praises, and with prophetic songs given to you spontaneously by the Spirit, so sing to God with all your hearts!

To be filled with the Spirit means to be controlled by the Word.

Verse 17 - And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Passion – 17 - Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father because of what Christ has done for you!