



Clothing Yourself With Christ at Home

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Colossians 3:12-14

Main Point

Because God has chosen us and made us His beloved children, we are called to put on Christlike character in our families and relationships.

Part 1: Master Teacher (10 Minutes)

Introduction

“When you get dressed each day, how do you choose what to put on?”

Paul teaches that we must also choose what to clothe ourselves with spiritually, especially at home.

Biblical Teaching

1. Remember Who You Are (v.12)
 - You are chosen, holy, and dearly loved.
 - Identity leads to behavior.
 - We do not earn God’s love but live from it.
2. Put On Christlike Character (v.12-13)
 - Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience.
 - These qualities shape healthy family relationships.
 - Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
3. Love Binds Everything Together (v.14)
 - Love is the highest virtue.
 - Love strengthens unity.
 - Love reflects Christ in the home.

Takeaway

- Christlike love begins at home. The people closest to us should experience the character of Christ through us.

Part 2: Group Discussion (25 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance

- Family relationships are sensitive. Create a safe environment for reflection.
 - Remind group participants of “Shared Commitments for Relational Discipleship”
- Guide participants toward application, not guilt.

Discussion Questions

1. Living From Your Identity

- How does knowing you are chosen and loved change how you treat your family?
- What identity struggles affect how you respond at home?
- Where do you need to remember who you are in Christ?

2. Clothing Yourself With Christlike Qualities

- Which of the qualities Paul lists is hardest for you to put on?
- How would your home change if these qualities defined your interactions?
- What is one situation where you need to practice patience or gentleness this week?

3. Forgiving Like Jesus

- Why is forgiveness essential to healthy relationships?
- What makes forgiveness difficult within families?
- What step toward forgiveness might God be inviting you to take?

4. Love Holding Everything Together

- What does it look like for love to be the guiding principle of your family?
- How can you choose love even when emotions are high?
- Who in your home needs a fresh expression of Christlike love from you?

Next Steps & Call to Action (5 minutes)

Facilitator Closing Thought:

Your family is your closest mission field. When you choose to clothe yourself with Christ, you reflect His love in the place it matters most.

Action Step:

Choose one Christlike quality from this passage and intentionally practice it in your home every day this week.

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for choosing and loving you.
- Ask for strength to put on Christlike character at home.
- Pray for unity and love to grow within your family.