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Resolved: Pursuing Lasting Change

Resolved to Be the Church

Colossians 3:12–17 (HCSB)

Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, put on love - the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Church is to:

1. LIVE _____ THAN THE WORLD v 12a

- We are _____ by God.
- We are set apart and made holy by God.
- We are _____ by God.

2. PUT ON THE GARMENT OF _____ LIVING v 12b

Characteristics of putting on the new self:

- Heartfelt compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience

3. ACCEPT AND _____ ONE ANOTHER v 13

- _____ one another builds unity among diversity.
- Forgiving one another requires maturity.

4. _____ ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE AND UNITY vv 14-15

- We don't always have to _____ with one another, but we have to love each other.
- God desires the church live in peace and unity.

5. _____ FOR TEACHING AND WORSHIP v 16

- When we get together, we teach, train, and admonish.
- When we get together, we sing and _____.

6. HAVE AN _____ OF GRATITUDE vv 15-17

- Whatever we do, we do in the name of Jesus.
- Whatever we do, we give _____ to God.

The Next Step:

Resolve to be the church God has called you to be.