

Colossians 3:12-14

**Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower
“Dressing Up Like Jesus: Putting on Compassion”**

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When it comes to “putting on the clothing of Christ” what are two potential struggles we might have at first with this new wardrobe?

1) _____

2) _____

Refresher: What are the two main halves (1:1—2:5 and 2:6—4:1) of Colossians about?

1) Christian _____.

2) Christian _____.

What is the basis for Paul’s argument that the Colossians now need to ‘dress’ differently?

What are some of the other ways you could translate the two words in Greek that are translated *compassion* in our TNIV?

The cognate verb coming out of these Greek words is used to describe Jesus in the following passages. What is going on in each?

1) Matthew 9:35-36

2) Matthew 14:13-14

3) Mark 9:22

4) Luke 7:12-13

Jesus didn’t just *live* compassion, he also taught about it as a characteristic of the Kingdom of God for *us* to live out.

1) Matthew 18:26-27

2) Luke 10:33

3) Luke 15:20

What do *all 7 of these passages* have in common?

Merriam Webster definition: “*sympathetic consciousness of others’ distress together with a desire to alleviate it.*”

Wikipedia definition: “*a human emotion prompted by the pain of others. More vigorous than empathy, the feeling commonly gives rise to an active desire to alleviate another’s suffering.*”