

Sermon Notes

Sunday, 8th March 2026

Colossians 2.1-17

The Reality of Division (Colossians 3.11)

- We naturally cluster around what divides us
- Ethnicity, religious status, culture, and social standing are all potential fault lines
- Yet Paul declares: Christ is all, and in all

A New Identity and a New Mindset (Colossians 3.1-2)

- Raised with Christ means you have a new identity
- Seek and set your mind on things above, not on earthly things
- Unity becomes possible when Christ is the center

The Danger of a Familiar Faith (Colossians 3.5-9)

- Repetition and familiarity can make the sacred feel common
- When faith grows cold, old patterns creep back in
- Paul's command: put to death what is earthly in you

Who You Are in Christ (Colossians 3.10-12)

- You have put on the new self, being renewed in God's image
- You are chosen, holy, and beloved
- Not earned. Not achieved. Given.

What You Wear (Colossians 3.12-14)

- Compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience
- Forgiveness rooted in the forgiveness you have received
- Above all, love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony

The Life That Follows (Colossians 3.15-17)

- The peace of Christ rules in hearts surrendered to Him
- The word of Christ dwells richly in a life shaped by Scripture
- Everything, in word and deed, is done in the name of Jesus

Key Cross-Reference: John 10.28-29

Reflection and Study Questions

- What area of your life have you allowed to become familiar and routine rather than an active expression of faith?
- What would it look like to re-engage that area with intentionality?
- Paul lists specific virtues to put on in Colossians 3.12-14. Which one is most difficult for you right now, and why?

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