

**Sermon: The Worshiping Church.**  
**Series: *The Heart of Worship.***

**Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17.**  
**Date: May 24, 2026**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Have you ever had to look for a church home? Traditionally, what have you looked for in a church? How does Colossians 3:12-17 expand your vision of what a church can and should be?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Three times in this passage we are told to give thanks to God (v.15-17). How are thanksgiving and worship connected? In what way is gratitude foundational to our worship of God?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Understanding our identity in Christ is key to forming the attitudes and affections of Christ in the church. What is our identity according to Col. 3:12? How do these identities impact how we worship both as individuals and as a church? For more discussion, look at Ephesians 1:3-13 to see the connection between our identity and our worship.

b) Look at verse 14 again. When Paul tells us to put on love he is telling us to put on Christ (Christ is God and God is love). Why is this an important distinction to make – the character of God is received not just from Jesus but THROUGH Jesus in us. (Think about how this prevents love from becoming another law and allows it to be an act of faith instead).

**APPLICATION**

a) Re-read v. 15-16. We talked about having an affection (deep desire) for the peace of Christ and the word of Christ. How can you cultivate these affections in your life? Be specific. What is the role of singing in helping to cultivate these affections in your heart?

b) Look at the list of attitudes in verses 12-13 again. Paul tells us to “put these on.” What are some ways you can choose to put on these attitudes in your daily life? Why must we remember who we are (chosen, holy, beloved) before we can put on these Christ-like attitudes?

c) Having read Colossians 3:12-17 is there anything that our church needs to do differently based on this text?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for choosing you, making you holy, and loving you.
- Confess ways you have failed to put on love and all its attitudes.
- Thank Jesus for being the love of God in a person, not a law.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to cultivate a deep longing for the peace of Christ and the word of Christ.