

1. In this section we have an exhortation to put on the new man.
2. Some one has said that in every reformatory the first thing to be done is to strip off and burn the rags of the new-comers, then give them a bath, and dress them in clean clothes.
3. In this section, COL.3:9-14, Paul sets forth what the new wardrobe of the new-comers to Christ should be. They are as follows:

1. BOWELS OF MERCIES: A heart of compassion.

1. Anthropologists are rather successful in telling what race a man belongs to by looking at his skull.
2. Christians are able to judge what race a man belongs to by the issues of his heart.
3. Tender-heartedness is a sign of the Christian as certainly as truthfulness, temperance or honesty.
4. Silver is not substitute for sympathy.
(1) Money sent by the rich Christian who will not take the trouble to "visit the fatherless and widows" is worthless so far as the sender is concerned. A HEART OF COMPASSION: Going...Doing

2. KINDNESS: Unto all. Gal. 6:10

1. Kindness is the disposition to think about others.
(1) A constant, steady, noiseless, beneficent stream.

3. HUMBLENESS OF MIND: Humility.

1. As a form of love, humility forbids us to exalt ourselves over others.
2. We never strive to give others a sense of our importance and a sense of their unimportance.

4. MEEKNESS: TO endure.

1. The disposition to endure rather than to retaliate on those who have wronged us. Romans 12:17

5. LONGSUFFERING: Enduring hope.

1. Forbids us grow weary of the good of others. Gal.6:10

6. FORBEARANCE-FORGIVENESS: Conducive to peaceful relations

7. FORGIVING: Highest example: As the Lord forgive you.

8. LOVE: Seven graces bound together by love.

1. Love the bond that surrounds the bundle.

2. One stick may be easily broken but several tied together are more difficult to break.

6. Note on Forbearing- Forgiveness

1- It takes two to make a quarrel

2- To Conquer oneself is the greatest of conquests. - Plato

Proverbs 16:32