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### A New Wardrobe ... Col. 3:12-17

#### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... vs. 12-14

Experienced by the Colossian Believers ...

- God **Chose** Them (12a)
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Now to be Expressed by the Colossian Believers ...

- Put on \_\_\_\_\_ (12)
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#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ ... vs. 15

#### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ ... vs. 15

#### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus ... vs. 15

### Let's Consider ...

People judge the \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
Hence, what I \_\_\_\_\_ reveals who I \_\_\_\_\_ with.

1. Can you think of a time you totally misjudged someone by what they looked like on the outside?
2. How can we know if someone is faking a “spiritual wardrobe”? Does it matter? Is it a bad thing? Is it ever good to “fake it” when it comes to traits we looked at this weekend?
3. Jesus is our ultimate example of what to “put on” spiritually. Below are a number of situations Jesus encountered where He had to make a choice as to how to respond. As you read the passages, write down the choice He made, the attitude or action He portrayed, and/or any challenges or opposition He encountered (from others or possibly even within Himself).

Mark 1:35-39  
John 8:1-7

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Matthew 14:13-21

4. The bigger our God is and the more we feel we can trust Him to meet our needs and to protect our interests, the easier it is to respond in a way that makes Him look good. As you read the descriptions of God listed below, write down what each one says about how big God is and then on a scale of 1-to-5 (5 being highest) rate how well it fits into your current perception of God.

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Is there one passage or principle that is more important than the others for you to remember?

5. Personal Reflection ...
  - Looking back at this week’s teaching and study, is there any of God’s spiritual wardrobe that you sense He is particularly encouraging or challenging you to put on?
  - Are there any specific situations in your life you need to respond to differently?
6. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
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- Put on **Compassion** (12)
- Put on **Kindness** (12)
- Put on **Humility** (12)
- Put on **Meekness** (13-14)
- Put on **Long-Suffering** (12)
- Put on **Forbearance** (12)
- Put on **Forgiveness** (12)
- Put on **Love** (13-14)

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