

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?

Once upon a time, I was late for everything. I was taught this by my mother, who intentionally set all her clocks 5-10 minutes ahead. However, we still managed to get everywhere late. Then, somewhere along the way, I learned the adage, "To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is unforgivable." Since that day, I have tried to live by those words. However, I can remember being in a foreign country, asleep on a cot, ready to fly home, and a frantic knock came at the door. We had overslept, there was no time for a shower, we had to get dressed in two minutes to catch the bus, OR we would have to stay in that foreign country for an undetermined period of time. I threw dirty clothes over a dirty body to sit in airplanes and airport terminals for fifteen hours to get home to my family.

Colossians 3:12-14

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Paul has a similar urgency to the disciples in Colossae in chapter 3. He implores them to get dressed! However, Paul isn't talking about physical clothes. He is talking about our spiritual threads. Compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience go on first. Then, finally, the ensemble is brought together with love. All this is the kingdom uniform needed to live with one another in the family of God; the way God's chosen people are to treat one another. Without that clothing, our harmony will be non-existent.

The time is now. We don't need to peer into the closet with indecisiveness or parade in front of the mirror trying on lots of different options. It's time to get dressed and get on with kingdom life.

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Peace,
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