

Share a time when you've been dressed in the wrong clothes for something

Read Col 3:12-17

1. How does Paul describe the Colossians Identity in the first half of 3:12?
2. How is it possible for us to believe this about ourselves without a sense of arrogant superiority towards others?
3. What are some of the examples that Paul gives in 3:12-13 of "new life" (3:1-4, 10) character and behaviour that believers should "put on"?
4. Share some real-life examples of when you have seen these "new life" character and behaviours in practice in Church life
 - a. Why not take a moment after each one to give thanks to God for how he works in us to transform us
5. Consider some examples of how your experience with other believers has sometimes fallen short of the character and behaviours of God's chosen ones (3:12-13). What do you think has caused this falling short?
6. How might the peace that Jesus Christ has won (Col 1:20) motivate and change us to live the "new life" now?
7. In what practical ways does the word of Christ play a role in our church and life together as believers. Give examples of how we speak it to one another in different ways
8. Why is music so often a matter of controversy in churches? When this happens how might Col 3:12-17 help?
9. Why is thankfulness so important in the Christian life?