

SERMON NOTES

The Way of Forgiveness

Forgiven, So Forgive

Colossians 3:8–14

SERIES BIG IDEA: There is no forgiveness that does not pass by way of the cross. [Eph. 1:7]

SERMON BIG IDEA: Forgiven people forgive people. The same grace that came down to us is now meant to run _____ from us to one another. [Eph. 4:32]

1. Who You Are

- You are the _____ of God, _____, and _____. [Col. 3:12]
- What a person _____ tells you something about who they are.
- Put on what _____ who you already are.

2. What You Wear

“Before you put anything on, something has to come off.”

- Anger, wrath, malice, filthy language; This is the wardrobe of _____. This is what a man wears when somebody has wronged him and he has decided to keep it. [Col. 3:8]
- You can't put on the new coat of _____ while you're still wearing the old coat of _____.

[Col. 3:12] “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”

- Every stitch of that wardrobe is cut for life among _____.

3. How You Forgive

“Forgiven people forgive the way they were forgiven.”

- “Even as Christ forgave you.” That is the _____. That is the _____ you measure your forgiving by. [Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32]
- He forgave you _____ - fully, finally, and without keeping the _____. [Sermons 1 & 2; Heb. 10]
- We do not forgive out of our own _____; we forgive out of _____.

THE WAY OF FORGIVENESS

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8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.