



*SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING*  
**DRESSING UP FOR  
CHURCH**  
Colossians 3:12-17

**I. What we ARE dictates what we are to WEAR.**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV84)*

**II. What we PUT ON displays what we PRESUME.**

*“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,” (James 2:12, NIV84)*

**III. What we ATTEND TO determines what we ATTAIN TO.**

*“For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,” (Romans 8:13, NIV84)*

**SUMMARY:** Living in an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE will ensure we are always dressed up for church.

**What do you need to put on or take off in order to be dressed up for church today?**

*“We exist to glorify God  
by enabling all people  
to become fully-devoted followers of  
the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

## Sermon Based Study Guide

**Getting Started** (*Pick one of the following and share with your group.*)

1. “Putting on your Sunday best” means getting all dressed up to go somewhere. When you were growing up, what destination/ activity required dressing that way?
2. For what current destination/activity do you feel it important to put on your “Sunday best”?

### Digging Deeper

3. In **Colossians 3:1-11**, Paul twice uses the word “*since*” to refer to something that has already happened as a basis for exhorting us. What has happened and what does he exhort us to do as a result?
  - a. Verse 1 —
  - b. Verse 9 —
4. The section from **Colossians 3:12-17** begins with the word “Therefore...” What is that word there for? What does Paul point to as the ground of his further exhortations to the church?
5. Jot down a quick definition of each of the things in **Col. 3:12** that Paul says to clothe ourselves with. What would a situation be like in which those things are present? In which they are absent?
6. Verse 13 talks about bearing with and forgiving one another, based on the forgiveness which we have received from the Lord. Read **Matthew 18:23-35**, the parable of the unmerciful servant. What was the initial reaction of the king to the first servant? What was his second reaction? Why are his reactions different?

