Clothed in Love: Living from the Heart

Colossians 3:12-17

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dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13
Bear with each other and forgive one another if
any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

14 And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect
unity.
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were
called to peace. And be thankful.

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you
richly as you teach and admonish one another
with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit, singing to God with
gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

Compassion
Kindness
Humility
Gentleness
Patience



Hinduism, the idea of karma teaches that when you show kindness and gentleness, good will come back to you.

In **Islam**, the concept of raḥmah—meaning mercy—is central. It includes compassion, kindness, love, and patience.

Actions reveal, but motives define.

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

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Jeremiah 31:33 NIV

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their **hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Matthew 11:29 NIV

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in **heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 15:18 NIV

But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the **heart**, and these defile them.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Above all else, guard your **heart**, for everything you do flows from it.

Surrender Your Heart to Christ

PRIDE
HUMILITY

Let God take the driver’s seat

Let God have full control of our heart

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Trust in the Lord with all your **heart** and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Let Peace Rule Your Heart

Colossians 3:15 NIV

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Rule in your hearts” is from the Greek **brabeuō**, meaning to act as **umpire** or **governor** — peace should guide decisions and attitudes.

The peace of Christ is first the umpire of the individual heart.

What does the Lord want me to do?

Will this reflect Christ's life, message, and guidance?

Will this bring me closer to Him and others?

John 14:27 NIV

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your **hearts** be troubled and do not be afraid.

Fill Your Heart with Jesus' Love

Colossians 3:12 NIV

Therefore, as God's **chosen** people, holy and **dearly loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Romans 5:8 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:13 NIV

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Luke 7:47

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great **love** has shown. But whoever has been **forgiven little loves little**.”

We struggle to obey what we don’t yet love.

Depth of His love for us

Fixing your heart on Christ fixes your heart

Colossians 3:17 NLT

And whatever you do or say, do it as a **representative** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

John 12:32 NIV

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Communion

Verse 15 ends with, “And be **thankful**."
Verse 16 concludes with, "**gratitude** in your hearts to God."
Verse 17 says, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him."

The word for "**thankful**" is the word eucharesteo, from which we get the English word **Eucharist**, another word for the Lord's Supper-a time for giving thanks