

IN CONTEXT

Vs. 9 uses the imagery of removing garments and Vs. 10 is suggestive of putting on that new set of clothes.

The “putting off” is clearly a pre-requisite of the
“putting on.”

You may recall attempting to put on too many layers as a child. Remember how uncomfortable that was?



RESURRECTION MATTERS: CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

Col. 3:12-14

WHO AND WHOSE VS. 12

- “Therefore” (Having died and risen with Christ)
- “God’s chosen people” Chosen by God’s sovereign grace See also 1 Pet. 2:9

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- “holy” Set apart for the Master’s use.

Fundamentally, it means separation, consecration, devotion to God, sharing in God’s purity and abstaining from earth’s defilement.

- “dearly loved” Objects of His affection (Eph. 2:3) A direction of the will, and finding one’s joy in something

CLOTHE YOURSELVES

- Compassion “Bowels of mercies” To feel another’s pain at the gut level. To suffer with.
- Kindness “The grace which pervades the whole nature, mellowing all which would have been harsh and austere. It has only the harmlessness of the dove, not the wisdom of the serpent.”
 - See Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)


- Humility A daily choice is needed to grow in this grace continually


Rom. 12:3

Phil. 2:3

1 Pet. 5:5-6

- Gentleness Willingness to suffer – not inflict – injury. “Not weakness, but supreme self-control powered by the Holy Spirit” (MacA.)

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- Patience Endures injustice with Hope. Not prone to quick anger and resentment. Not seeking revenge.
 - Forbearance To bear with. To endure
 - Forgiveness To pardon. To graciously remit a person's sin, "as Christ has forgiven you" Matt 18:23-35

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- Love Benevolent love, shown not by doing what the person loved desires but what the one who loves deems as needed by the one loved.

See John 3:16; 13:34 1 Cor. 13; Rom. 12:9-21

It saturates 1 & 2 Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., 1 & 2 Thess.
and all of John's epistles