

CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH
COL. 3:10-13: DRESS FOR SUCCESS – ACCESSORIZE!!

v. 10 - our new self is being renewed in knowledge; v. 11 - Christ is all, and is in all; v. 12 - God's chosen people; holy and dearly loved; v. 13 - the Lord forgave you. These can be looked at as accessories to the Christian wardrobe.

I. OUR KNOWLEDGE IS BEING RENEWED - V. 10

1. v. 10 - "is being" - present tense - an on-going _____
2. "renewed" - "new in quality" I Cor. 5:17 - old things have passed away, all things become new.
3. Knowledge - deep thorough knowledge
4. v. 10 - in the image of its Creator - The goal of knowledge is to conform the believer to the _____ of God. We wear His _____!

II. WE ARE _____ IN CHRIST - v. 11

In Christ there are to be no barriers from birth or nationality; from ceremony or ritual; between cultured and uncultured; between classes; no racial barriers or cultural snobbery.

Col. 1:18 - that in all things He might have the supremacy

III. WE WERE _____ BY GOD - v. 12

- Joel 2:32 - everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved
- John 3:16 - that whosoever believeth
- Acts 2:21 - whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved
- II Peter 3:9 - not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance

_____ are a "whosoever"!

For what are we chosen?

Eph. 1:4 - He chose us in Him...to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Rom. 8:29 - we were predestined (chosen) to be conformed to the image of His Son

IV. WE ARE TO BE _____ - v. 12 (Col. 1:21,22)

We were.....Now we are

The word "holy" in the Bible has two meanings: 1) to be made _____; 2) to be set apart for a sacred purpose. The simplest way I've found of defining a holy life is Gal. 5:22,23 - the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

V. WE ARE DEARLY LOVED BY GOD - v. 12

We are objects of His special _____.

VI. WE ARE _____ BY GOD - v. 13

Col. 2:13,14 - Complete forgiveness

- CONCL. 1. Are you wearing the right clothes?
2. Have you accessorized?

