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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

A hymn written in 1866 by Samuel John Stone. This hymn describes the church's relationship to its "foundation" being Jesus Christ. The church is represented as the collective Christian fellowship of the earth as it is wholly united by its savior, the son of God.

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THE LETTER OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS
COLOSSIANS: ALIVE AND COMPLETE IN CHRIST
 LESSON 7A: 11/01/2020
 COLOSSIANS 3:12B-14 THE NEW MAN/WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
 WEEK 2

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
 Colossians 3: 12-14

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The hymn was composed as a primary answer to the division within the Church of South Africa generated by John William Colenso, first Bishop of Natal, who denounced much of the Bible as untrue. This issue is referenced to within the third verse of the lyrics "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed." Bishop Colenso was dismissed for his teachings.

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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION
WORDS: SAMUEL JOHN STONE
TUNE: SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY
1866
 Based on Nicene Creed

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*3.Tho' with a scornful wonder,
 men see her sore oppressed,
 by schisms rent asunder,
 by heresies distressed,
 yet saints their watch are keeping,
 their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 shall be the morn of song.*

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INTRO

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:



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'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

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Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

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Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

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COLOSSIANS OUTLINE

- 1:1-2 GREETING
- 1:3-8 THANKSGIVING
- 1:9-14 THE APOSTLE'S PRAYER
- 1:15-20 WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?
- 1:21-23 RECONCILIATION OF COLOSSIANS TO GOD
- 1:23-2:3 PAUL'S LABOR FOR THE GOSPEL
- 2:4-23 DANGEROUS TEACHING AT COLOSSAE
- 3: 1-4 THE PROPER FOCUS: CHRIST & THE LIFE ABOVE
- 3:5-4:6 LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE ←**
- 4:7-18 PERSONAL GREETINGS & INSTRUCTION AND LETTER END

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

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¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
SPECIFIC CLOTHING FOR THE BELIEVER

Qualities revealed by Jesus Christ in His life and in the character of God are to be the righteous clothing of the believer.

In light of the believer's heavenly position they are to put on the clothing of righteousness: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

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SPECIFIC CLOTHING FOR THE BELIEVER

The inhabitants of heaven are identified by righteousness, not only the righteousness of Christ but their own.

Revelation 19 describes the clothing of the believer:

Revelation 19:7-8 "Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
THE INCENTIVE FOR WEARING PROPER CLOTHING

The incentive for wearing proper clothing is chosen, holy, and beloved.

God has done something great in our lives!

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SPECIFIC CLOTHING FOR THE BELIEVER

The clothing of the heavenly citizen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.

In the same way, since we have been raised into heavenly places with Christ (Colossians 3:1), we must daily put on clothes that match this position.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COMPASSION
¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **compassionate hearts**, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
 Believers should put on compassion.
 Compassion can be literally translated "bowels of mercy" as in the KJV or "compassionate hearts" as in the ESV.
 It involves a deep in heart, **gut level**, emotional response to others and situations.
 Believers are to put on a deep, heartfelt compassion. 19

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
KINDNESS
¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, **kindness**, humility, meekness, and patience,
 Believers should put on kindness.
 This Greek word for kindness was used to describe wine which had grown mellow with age and had lost its harshness.
 The word is used to describe Christ in Matthew 11:30. "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The yoke of Christ is "easy." His leadership is without harshness. 22

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COMPASSION ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **compassionate hearts**, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
 The Scripture advocates that every believer should practice compassion. It is an ethic of the church.
 James 1:27 says, Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.
 The Christian demonstrates compassion and mercy, cares for those who are poor, hurting, and struggling and forgives those who have harmed him. Compassion is a Christian ethic. 20

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KINDNESS ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, **kindness**, humility, meekness, and patience,
 When we fail, Christ does not beat us over the head. He is kind and gentle in ministering to us. Even His discipline comes from His kindness.
 Some describe kindness as a spirit imparted attitude of the heart that is the opposite of malice and slander.
 Are you kind in your treatment of others?
 Do you respond with harshness, anger, or pride?
 Compassion and kindness are the Christian's response to others. 23

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COMPASSION
 Jesus said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).
 Micah said, He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? **To act justly and to love mercy** and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV).
 Luke 15:19-20 The Prodigal Son
 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt **compassion**, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS - AN EXAMPLE
 Luke 10:30, 33-37 ³⁰... "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 24

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS - AN EXAMPLE

Luke 10:30, 33-37 ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
HUMILITY

1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that is not from God? For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

Paul called himself the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:16), not because he really was the worst sinner in comparison to others, but because he was in comparison to God.

He had a strong view of God and who he was in light of God.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, PATIENCE

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **humility, meekness, and patience.**

Humility, meekness, and patience are the Christian's response to self.

Meekness is sometimes translated as gentleness.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
HUMILITY

Isaiah saw God and it affected how he viewed himself and others.

He said, "Woe to me! . . . I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty" (Isaiah 6:5).

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HUMILITY

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **humility, meekness, and patience,**

Believers should put on humility.

Humility is having a proper estimate of oneself in view of God.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself in view of other people but thinking less of yourself because you see God.

Humility is the New testament response to God's grace exhibited by the Christian who knows himself and his place with others.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
HUMILITY

The humble Christian does not practice self-exaltation; brag about accomplishments.

The humble Christian does not need people to know and affirm his credentials.

The humble Christian does not talk about himself often.

The humble person tends to edify and exalt others instead of himself.

The humble person tends to care about other's needs over his own.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
HUMILITY
 The humble person practices secrecy in his accomplishments and credentials.

The humble person finds ways to lay aside privileges in order to advance the interests of Christ and others.

Philippians 2:3-5 **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus
 Every morning put on humility.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
MEEKNESS/GENTLENESS
 This is a person who is self-controlled because he is God controlled. This person is angry at the right time and stands firm when necessary.

EXAMPLE: When Jesus was accused and lied about, he said nothing. He had his power under control. But when others were harmed and disrespected, he became like a lion. He went into the temple and turned over tables. He used his power only when it was necessary to honor God and protect others.

Every morning put on gentleness. Hold back the tendency to become angry. Garner your power and use it only to the best possible end: to glorify God.

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MEEKNESS/GENTLENESS
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Believers should put on Gentleness or Meekness.

The word "gentle" is a hard word to translate in the original language. Sometimes it is translated "meek."

It was used of a wild horse that had been tamed. It speaks of "power under control."

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
PATIENCE AND FORBEARANCE
¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ^{13A} bearing with one another and,

Believers should put on Patience.

The next article of clothing that a believer must put on is patience and forbearance.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
MEEKNESS/GENTLENESS

A person who is meek is sometimes considered weak by the world, but this is a misunderstanding. This person has great power. He could get mad, he could choose to fight for his rights, but like a horse that has been tamed, he chooses to control his anger and temper. He is gentle.

Christ called himself gentle.
 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 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 11:28-29).

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PATIENCE AND FORBEARANCE
 William Barclay:
 "This is the spirit which never loses its patience with its fellowmen. Their foolishness and their unteachability never drive it to cynicism or despair; their insults and their ill treatment never drive it to bitterness or wrath."

Patience in effect is the opposite of one seeking to retaliate or get revenge.

How do you treat people who are difficult? We must respond to our brothers and sisters with patience. Every morning put on patience. We must patiently bear with one another's faults.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
THE RESULT OF WEARING THESE FIVE GARMENTS
¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;
 as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Paul says, “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you”

The Lord forgives and does not remember.

C.S. Lewis
 “Everyone says that forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive.”

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
LOVE BINDS IT ALL TOGETHER
¹³And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Paul’s reference to love encompasses two aspects.

Love for God
 and love for our brothers must be put on.

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Are you holding on to a record of wrongs?

Are you holding on to past sins that someone committed against you?

One of the things that should identify us as Christians is our Christlike forgiveness.

Every day put on the garment of forgiveness.

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LOVE BINDS IT ALL TOGETHER
¹³And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Put on agape love.

agape love - selfless love of one person for another without sexual implications, especially love that is spiritual in nature. Agape love involves faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will. It goes beyond just the emotions to the extent of seeking the best for others. It is distinguished from the other types of love by its lofty moral nature and strong character.

Agape love is beautifully described in 1 Corinthians 13.

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LOVE BINDS IT ALL TOGETHER
¹³And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

In Paul’s days, a belt was used to hold the rest of one’s clothes together.

Paul describes love as the belt needed to maintain the rest of the virtues.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
SUMMARY
THE BELIEVER PUTS ON THESE VIRTUES BY A CONTINUOUS WORK OF DISCIPLINE.

Verse 12 literally reads, “Put them on and keep putting them on.”

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
SUMMARY
THE BELIEVER PUTS ON THESE VIRTUES BY BEING IN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

Each one of these characteristics cannot be practiced alone.

You cannot be patient unless you are around people who are difficult.

You can't forgive unless you are around people who hurt you.

You can't practice compassion unless you are around people who are hurting.

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LESSON 7A – THE NEW MAN/ WEARING THE CORRECT CLOTHES
SUMMARY
THE BELIEVER PUTS ON RIGHTEOUSNESS BY AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

The primary way we are to put on these clothes is by knowing God.

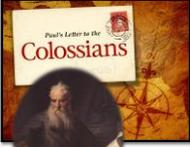
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THE LETTER OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS
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COLOSSIANS 3:15-17 LIFE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH – WEEK 1

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17



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