

# SHOW OFF JESUS

## HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS (PART IV)

### COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**BACKGROUND:** God does not ask you to show off your wealth, intellect, position of influence, or achievements. To show off Jesus and make His gospel attractive, he has chosen you, set you apart, and assured you of His deep love for you. (**Read Matthew 5:13-16.**)

**WEAR THESE CLOTHES:** Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Jesus wore them and they look good on you! (**Colossians 3:12, fn 3:12-17, II Corinthians 1:3-7, fn 1:3-5, II Peter 1:7, Philippians 2:1-5, fn 2:5, Ephesians 4:1-3, fn 4:1, 2**) *Which of these virtues do you lack and why is it important that you wear all of them?*

**BEAR WITH EACH OTHER.** Forgive each other by remembering what Jesus did for you on the cross. “You cannot know God apart from the cross.” Hunter Gray. Help others to see Jesus on the cross. When you bear with others and forgive them, you will be doing what Jesus does for you. (**Colossians 3:13, fn 3:13, Ephesians 4:32, fn 4:32, Ephesians 4:25-27, fn 4:26, 27, I Peter 3:8-16, fn 3:16**) *How could you prepare yourself now for a conflict that you may have with someone?*

**PUT ON LOVE.** Love is not indifference. If love is to grow, it must be cultivated or “put on.” Nails and mortar bind a house together. Love gives perfect unity in that it binds all the virtues together. (**Colossians 3:14, fn 3:14, Ephesians 4:15, 16, fn 4:14-16, I John 4:8, fn 4:8, Ephesians 5:1, 2, fn 5:1, 2**) *How could the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23, 23) help you determine if you have “put on” love or not.*

*According to this preparation how may we pray for you to be strengthened in your personal relationship with Jesus? How else may we pray for you?*

