**Loving Our Neighbors by Fulfilling Your Calling in Christ**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

**Introduction:**

Consider 4 ways that we can continue to **Love Our Neighbors by Fulfilling Your Calling in Christ**

**I. We must clothe ourselves with the righteousness of Christ (vv. 12-14)**

Colossians 3:12-14 - 12 So, as *those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved*, **put on** a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; *just as the Lord forgave you*, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things ***put on* love**, which is the perfect bond of unity.

**A. Compassion – (the willingness to care about others)**

**B. Kindness – (the quality of bringing goodness to others)**

**C. Humility – (thinking of others as more important than you)**

**D. Gentleness—(not being harsh with others)**

**E. Patience—(graciously responding over the long haul during provocation)**

**F. Bearing with one another – (choosing to put up with each other)**

**G. Forgiving – (choosing to relinquish offenses)**

**H. LOVE – (summary of all)**

**II. We must let the peace of Christ control us in circumstances and relationships (v. 15)**

Colossians 3:15 - **Let the peace of Christ rule** in your hearts, to which indeed *you were called* in one body; and **be thankful**.

**III. We must let the Word of Christ dominate our inner being (v. 16)**

Colossians 3:16 - **Let the word of Christ richly dwell** within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another, with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

1. **Wisely teaching and encouraging one another**
2. **Gratefully celebrating with one another**

**IV. We must seek to perform every action for Christ with thanksgiving (v. 17)**

Colossians 3:17 - Whatever you do in word or deed, **do all** in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** through Him to God the Father.