

# What are you wearing?

Galatians 3:26-4:7 For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed** yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female – for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.



## 1. What makes **UNITY** difficult?

**a.** It's easier to be **judgmental** than to be **gracious**.

\*Being *judgmental* helps us avoid our own faults by pointing them out in others!

\*Being *judgmental* helps us feel superior (*self-righteous*), giving us (*false*) self-worth!

\*It's easy to become *judgmental* in a world that insists the problems are, "*those people*".

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

\**gracious* people are good at being patient

\**gracious* people are good at forgiving and don't hold grudges

**b.** We are more **confident** in our own opinions than **humble**, ready to learn.

James 1:5 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak

1Peter 5:5 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

"In the Roman society, once a youth came of age he was given a special toga, which admitted him to full rights of the family and state, and indicated he was a grown-up. So the Galatian believers had laid aside the old garment, and had put on Christ's robe of righteousness, which grants full acceptance before God.- Donald K.Campbell, "Galatians" The Bible Knowledge Commentary pg. 600

## 2. What are you **WEARING**?

What does it mean to "**have clothed yourselves with Christ**"? In the Greek this is in the **AORIST MIDDLE INDICATIVE** which **emphasizes a purposeful action on our part**. This involves the idea of our "putting on" (as a garment).

Romans 13:14 Rather, **clothe** yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh

Ephesians 4:20-24 That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ... You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self... and to **put on** the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe** yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you



### **Community Group Questions:**

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. The expression "in Christ" appears eight times in Galatians. Paul uses the expression in every one of his letters to the churches. How would you explain this concept to someone who was not a christian?
3. We left Galatians 4:1-7 almost completely unexplored. What is the main idea? How does it relate to the larger context of the book of Galatians?

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