## Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less Put On Love

## **Colossians 3:12-17**

Sermon Notes for Oct. 25, 2020

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## Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 3:12-17

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Reread Colossians 3:1-17. Understanding that these verses all go together, in your own words, how is Paul describing what it means to seek things that are above?
- By way of review, how would you summarize the earthly things that need to be put to death in us, individually and corporately?
- Verse 12-17 focus now on what should be brought to life in us, individually and corporately. How does 1:4 help us understand what Paul is trying to get at?
- Can you give any examples from the life of Christ where He exemplified the virtues listed in 3:12-13?
- In what relationships are you being tested right now to extend this kind of grace? Share with others so that they might pray for you.
- What does Paul say is the expression that binds all the other virtues together? How does this virtue do that and what is the result?
- Can you give examples from your own life when you have experienced harmony even in the midst of differences or diversity?
- O What are the commands Paul gives in 3:15-17?
- If the word "rule" means to be an umpire who controls, how does Christ peace "rule" in our hearts? Practically how can you see this being helpful in a church where diversity of opinions, perspectives, behaviors exist?
- o In what ways should the richness of God's Word effect our lives?
- What is the scope of our choices that should be affected by the fact that we identify ourselves with the name of Jesus Christ?
- Can you give examples from your own life in which you have spoken or acted in the name of Jesus?

Take some time to confess any convictions of sin that these verses bring out in your heart. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit and grow whatever specific virtues that need to be grown in you. And then Give Thanks for his mercy and love.