

THE BREATH OF GOD GIVES US A NEW FAMILY

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Open in Prayer.

As God's New, Spirit-Indwelt Family, We Are:

- Chosen, Holy, Dearly Loved
Read Colossians 3:11-12
 - Why do you think Paul groups these people together in these verses?
 - Who brings peace when there is conflict?
 - Our identity determines our purpose. According to these verses, what is our identity? What is our purpose?

- Therefore, through God the Holy Spirit's presence and power, we can be:
Compassionate, Kind, Humble, Gentle, and Patient
Read Colossians 3:12
 - Putting on requires an action on our part. There is a sense of urgency in putting on these attributes. Why do we need to "put on" compassion, kindness, etc.?
 - These things don't come naturally to us, they are a supernatural act.
 - Compassion means "to suffer with." Kindness is unmerited grace. Humility is knowing that power and influence comes from God. Gentleness is controlled power. How patient are we with ourselves and with others?

- Forgiving
Read Colossians 3:13
 - Remember who Paul is speaking to in this letter. He is addressing different groups of people who were experiencing conflict. There will be friction with others in life, but we all exist for the glory of God. Holding grudges is toxic. How can you have a loving conversation with someone with whom you are experiencing conflict?
 - Why are we to forgive others? Think of what God has forgiven you of.

- Loving & Unified
Read Colossians 3:14-17
 - The Peace of Christ is reconciliation. Is there any area of your life in need of reconciliation?
 - What must we "put on" above all else? What does it look like for you to put on love at home? At work? At school? At the grocery store?
 - We all have something to be grateful for. Paul reminds us to be thankful. What are you thankful for? List them out right now. Share with your group.

Soul Tattoo: As God's New Spirit-Indwelt Family, read Colossians 3:11-17 before dinner every night this week.