

MONDAY MORNING FAITH

Colossians 3:12-17(ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

INTRODUCTION:

Sunday faith is often dressed in worship, sermons, and fellowship. But what happens when the alarm clock rings on Monday morning? Paul's words in Colossians 3:12–17 challenge us to carry our faith into everyday spaces; school, work, family, and friendships, not just with words, but with how we live.

DISCUSS:

In Colossians 3:12–17, Paul shows us what a real, everyday faith looks like. We are called to put on the character of Christ, let His peace and Word shape our hearts, and do everything in His name, whether we are worshiping on Sunday or walking into school or work on Monday. At the centre of it all, Paul says to "put on love;" agape, which is a selfless, enduring love that binds everything together in perfect harmony. This is not just a moment of belief, but a lifestyle of following Jesus with compassion, conviction, and consistency.

1. Clothed in Christ - Putting on Christ and His virtues

Before we speak or act, we often choose what "attitude" to wear, like frustration, pride, or compassion. Paul invites us to dress differently, to put on the character of Jesus every single day.

If you could "get dressed" spiritually each morning, what would you be wearing? How might your friendships or school/work life change if you put on things like kindness and patience instead of anger or pride?

2. Under the Rule of Christ - Through His peace and Word

Our hearts are ruled by something, maybe pressure, social media, self-doubt, or stress. But Jesus wants His peace and truth to be what guides us from the inside out.

What usually rules your heart on a busy day? What's one way you can make space for Jesus' peace and voice this week (e.g. prayer, worship music, a short devotion)?

3. Doing everything for Christ

It's easy to see Sundays as "God's time" and everything else as routine. But Paul reminds us that every part of life can be lived in Jesus' name and for His glory.

Can small things like doing your homework, helping at home, or speaking kindly, actually show love for Jesus? What's one thing you'll do this week that you can choose to do with Jesus and for Him?

Pray:

1. **A Fresh Heart Posture** - Ask God to help us start each day with spiritual intentionality, choosing to clothe ourselves with Christ's nature instead of reacting out of impulse or self.
2. **For Christ's Peace to Govern Our Days** - Pray that His peace would rule in our thoughts, especially when we face conflict, anxiety, or pressure. May His Word dwell richly in us, shaping our responses with grace.
3. **For Lives That Bear the Name of Jesus** - Ask the Spirit to help us live intentionally in every space; school, work, home, and even online, so that whatever we do reflects the heart of Jesus. Pray that our thoughts, words, and actions, both big and small, would be done in His name, with His character, and for His glory.