



**MOVING FORWARD:  
What Does That Look Like For You?  
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SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE**

**Connect**

1. In buying clothes, are you a name-brand buyer or a bargain hunter? Are you style conscious or could you care less what others think?

**Engage**

**• Read *Colossians 3:1-17***

1. How are we to grow in our spiritual life (Col. 3:1-4)?
2. How is setting your mind and heart on Christ related to what he has already done for us (Col. 3:1) and to what he will do for us (Col. 3:4)?
3. How much contrast is there between the "clothes" of the earthly nature (Col. 3:5-11) and those of God's chosen people (Col. 3:12-17)? How hard would it seem to take off the first and put on the second? How is it possible (see Col. 2:6-7,10)?
4. Is the person in verses 12-17 calm, cool and in control or self-controlled but also lavish in his or her love for others? Do you seek to resemble the first or the second?
5. How can a focus on the Lord having forgiven the Christ-follower, guide and strengthen us in the process of forgiving someone who has hurt us?

**Apply**

1. We get all-too familiar to "earthly nature" clothing. Which aspect of your old nature feels like a comfortable old T-shirt to you now? Why is it difficult to shed or remove?
2. With what piece of Christ's wardrobe would you like to replace it? Which aspect of Christ's character do you need to clothe yourself with?