

Sermon Notes for Young People

August 18, 2019 | Col. 3:12-14, "Living by Gratitude"

- I. Introduction:** What is a reason for the loss of influence by the Church in American society?

II. Main Argument

A. New Covenant Identity (v. 12)

1. Which Identity Shapes us, and how is that different from the identity the culture imposes?
2. New Identity
 - a. How does Paul describe the identity Christ gives His people?
 - b. Compare how Moses describes the identity of Old Covenant Israel and Paul's description of the identity of the New Covenant Church:
 - c. To whom do the promises of the Old Testament belong?
3. Description of God's People
 - a. *Chosen*: what is the basis for this choice?
 - b. *Holy*: what does it mean to be *holy*?
 - c. *Beloved*: how does this lead to holiness?
4. **Application**: How do we guard against forming our identity through what society tells us?

- B. New Covenant Virtues (v. 12):** where do we see these five virtues most clearly?

1. Compassionate Hearts:
2. Kindness:
3. Humility:
4. Gentleness:
5. Patience:

C. New Covenant Forgiveness (v. 13)

1. Why is God's sanctifying grace necessary for Christians to bear with one another?
2. What is evidence of a lack of the Holy Spirit?
3. Why do Christians forgive freely when it is sought or asked for?

D. New Covenant Love (v. 14)

1. How does love bind all these virtues together?
2. How is the real love of Christians different from the counterfeit love the world demands?
3. How does love bind the Christian community?

III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: