

John Wooden, the famed UCLA basketball coach often said, “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.), writes, “It was from Coach Wooden that I first heard the idea that the true test of our character is what we do when no one is watching.” But in today’s world, someone is always watching.

For those of us who are followers of Christ, the question is, how is the character of Christ being formed in us before a watching world? What are we, as His people doing to **clothe ourselves with His likeness?**

Our identity is in Christ

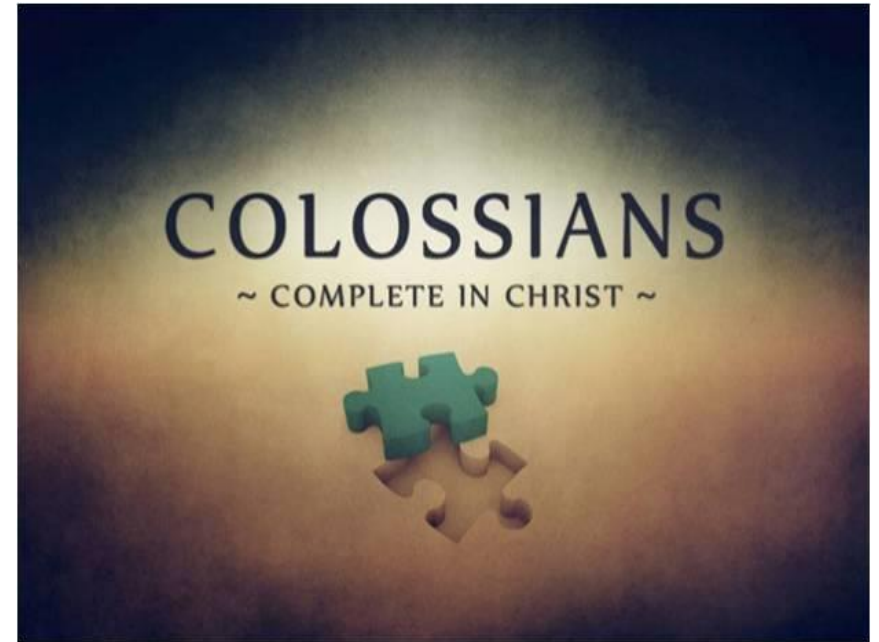
- Chosen
- Holy
- Dearly loved

Our wardrobe in Christ:

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience
- Forgiveness
- Love

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Who's watching you?
2. How are you growing in your understanding of your identity in Christ?
3. How do you feel about us as a local church being referred to as a chosen people, holy and dearly loved?
4. What difference does our status with God have on the way we are presenting ourselves to a watching world?
5. What are we as individuals, and as a ministry, doing to clothe ourselves with the character of Christ Paul described in 3:12-14?
6. Describe specific ways in which our identity in Christ as a local church, is progressing and making Him known to the community around us. Please expand your response to include the ministry we share with El Calvario and the 2nd generation EC that came to us in July of '18.
7. Assignment: a call for a day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer asking God to create in us as two churches the character of Christ so that the community around us will desire an intimate relationship with Him. Begin on Thursday at sundown through Friday, sundown. Please prepare for this day with Jesus (see the hand out).



Reflecting Jesus to a Watching World

Colossians 3:12-14

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