

Church of the Valley
The PPE of Faith - Gives Victory Over Inner Conflicts

OUR CONFLICTS:

<u>Our Old Man</u>		<u>Our New Man in Christ</u>
Fear	vs	Faith
Distrust	vs	Trust
Jealousy	vs	Love
Anger	vs	Mercy
Revenge	vs	Grace
Nonchalant	vs	Empathy

FAITH IS LIVING AN ORDINARY LIFE IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY.

SERMON TEXT

12 THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE. 13 BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. 14 AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY.

WINNING OUR INNER CONFLICTS AS CHRIST LIVES THROUGH US:

1.) BE ATTENTIVE TO THE CHARACTER TRAITS THAT OTHERS EXPERIENCE.

clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

2.) VALUE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS AS JESUS WOULD.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12

3.) REMEMBER THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10

To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29

LIFE QUESTIONS?

- 1.) What do you struggle to “put off,” (Colossians 3:5-9) and what do you need to “put on” (Colossians 3:10-14)?

- 2.) What is one specific change you can make in your daily routine to become more like Christ?

- 3.) What virtue(s) would love ones say you struggle with?