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Meeting # 2

The Bible Reading Part: People of God - the clothing

Col. 3:12 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 whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Discussion Part:

1. Do you agree with the old adage that says: "Clothes make the person"? What do you think that it means? Do you feel differently about yourself when you are 'dressed up' then when you are in 'grubbies'? Do you act differently when you are wearing 'church clothes' or everyday clothes? If you had the option, would you wear the same thing every day – and what kind of clothing would that be?
2. Of the things listed in this scripture text, which do you think is the most important item for the 'well dressed' Christian? Why?
3. How do you think that the 'overcoat' of love {verse 14} works to bring unity?
4. How do you think that we are supposed to teach and admonish each other? What are we to teach? In what ways are we to admonish? How does the word of Christ dwelling in us make a difference in how we teach and admonish?