

I. We are motivated to live a new life in Christ by God’s grace

A. In his grace God adopts us into his family

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

B. In his grace God sets us apart to belong to him

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” (Ephesians 1:4)

C. In his grace God loves us deeply

“How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us that we would be called children of God. And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

D. In his grace God forgives us completely

II. We are to clothe ourselves with the character of Christ

A. We are to clothe ourselves with compassion

B. We are to clothe ourselves with kindness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” (Ephesians 4:32)

C. We are to clothe ourselves with humility

D. We are to clothe ourselves with gentleness

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

E. We are to clothe ourselves with patience

F. We are to clothe ourselves with forgiveness

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” (Mark 11:25)

G. We are to clothe ourselves with love

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

III. We are to live out our new life in Christ

A. We live with the peace of Christ ruling in us

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

B. We live with the attitude of thankfulness

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (I Thessalonians 5:18)

C. We live with the Word of Christ filling us

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.” (Deuteronomy 6:6)

D. We live with the call to represent Christ