

Day 26 Colossians 3:14 -17

As we have focused on different aspects of Colossians thus far, we should be able to understand the theme of not just this book, but the Bible in general. That theme is the love God through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Love is a wonderful thing. We all know this much about love. We need it and we need to give it. But as believers we have a bit of an advantage because love is not only our action - love is our source.

This fact is underlined in verse 14 of this text. Love is the glue; it is what binds everything else that we do together.

I think the wording that Paul uses in Chapter 3 is significant to this theme. He has told us earlier in the chapter to “clothe” ourselves with certain virtues. And then in verse 14 he tells us to “put on love”.

Let’s connect the dots. In Ephesians we read that it is vital we put on God’s armor, which is His love for us, our salvation. And here we are told again, “to put on His love”.

These are things of His that He has provided for us to wear, not just concepts that we create within ourselves. In both of these circumstances we see we have a source of love that will bind our ability to bring Him glory.

Which tells us an incredible reality of our God. Everything He asks of us He provides for us.

We have seen His provision detailed in this book. We were in darkness; we were brought to see light. We had no way to get to God’s favor, He gave us redemption through His Son. We were alienated from God, he reconciled us. We were constantly searching for this world to fill us; He has given us the fullness of Christ. We were not His people, but then He chose us.

With that kind of provision, we have to conclude that everything God asks of us in chapter 3 - setting our minds on God, confronting sin and temptation, the ability to love and forgive- he gives us the reality to accomplish them. This reality has not only been exemplified for us in Christ, but we gain His perspective and inherit His strength to do them.

So, we see that our only real task here is to increase our belief and our agility with this provision in order for us to portray His image. This is how through His people, He shows the world the message of Christianity, which is His love.

In God’s love we can testify that He knows what we will go through, he knows our future, he knows that we’re not perfect, but in all things He will provide a way for us to glorify His name. We are not left relying on ourselves, we have been called to rely on Him.

The whole book of Colossians has been about setting our minds to the source of our salvation, His love, so we can adequately portray the image of our Father.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.