Introduction

- Lesson text: Col. 3:10-15

1. In addition to compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, and forbearance, we have three more qualities to put on that make up the new man.

I. Put on Forgiveness

1. The new man forgives those that need forgiveness (Col. 3:13).
   a. forgiving (*charizomai* G5483 verb, present tense).
   b. one another (*heautou* G1438 reflexive pronoun).
2. One cause for forgiveness that is given is "if any man have a quarrel against any" (Col. 3:13).
   a. Translated as "if any man have a complaint against any" in the ASV.
   b. quarrel (*momphe* G3437 noun).
   c. Consider Mt. 5:23-24; Mk. 11:25-26.
   d. Example of forgiveness (2 Cor. 2:1-10; cf. 1 Cor. 5).
3. We need forgiveness from God so we need to forgive others (Col. 3:13).
   a. God forgives us through His Son when we obey His conditions (1 Jn. 2:12).
      i. We know that Jesus was willing to forgive (Lk. 23:34).
      ii. His prayer was answered on Pentecost and every time a sinner obeys the gospel (Ac. 2:36-41).
   b. How often should we forgive (Mt. 18:21-22)?
   c. Why should we forgive (Mt. 18:23-35)?
   d. Repentance is necessary to forgiveness (Lk. 17:3-4).

II. Put on Love

1. Charity or love must be put on (Col. 3:14).
   a. charity (*ho* G3588 definite article *agape* G26 noun) most often translated as "love" in the New Testament (86 of 116 times).
   b. The pinnacle of all of these qualities is love hence the use of the words "above all" (cf. 1 Cor. 13:13).

2. Why is love "above all?"
   a. It is the bond of perfectness.
   b. the bond (*syndesmos* G4886 noun).
   c. of perfectness (*ho* G3588 definite article *teleiotes* G5047 noun).
   d. Love is the great binder that brings the new man to completion.

III. Put on Peace

1. The peace of God must be allowed to rule in our hearts (Col. 3:15).
   a. peace (*eirene* G1515 noun).
   b. rule (*brabeuo* G1018 verb, imperative).
   c. Follow peace with all men as much as is possible (Heb. 12:14; Rm. 12:18).
2. Jesus Christ brought peace in His church.
   a. He is the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6).
   b. He brought the gospel of peace (Rm. 10:15; Eph. 6:15; Ac. 10:36).
      i. We are called by the gospel (2 Th. 2:13-14).
   c. The location of peace is in Christ's church (Eph. 2:11-22).
      i. There is just one body therefore there is no peace with God anywhere else (cf. Eph. 3:21)!

Conclusion

1. The new man is composed of essential qualities that reflect the beauty of our Creator.
   a. We are to be conformed to the image of Christ (Rm. 8:29).
2. We all need forgiveness from God therefore we need to forgive others.
3. Love is the great binding quality that brings the new man to completion.
4. The peace of God must rule in our hearts as we remember the peace we have with God in His Son's church.