

COLOSSIANS

“So that you will walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
to please Him in all respects....”

(1:10)

COLOSSIANS 3:12--14

COLOSSIANS 3:1 - 4:6

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

FOR WALKING IN A MANNER

WORTHY OF THE LORD

TO PLEASE HIM IN ALL RESPECTS

Practical Principles...Col. 3:1-4:6

1. Heavenly Perspective, 3:1-4.
2. Holy Practice, 3:5-11.
3. Healthy Relationships, 3:12-17.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

The Basis For Healthy Relationships, 12.

- “Chosen of God,”

- Holy,

- Beloved.

THE BASIS FOR HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS
IS KNOWING WHO WE ARE...
AND WHO OUR FELLOW
BELIEVERS ARE, **IN CHRIST!!!**

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COL. 3:12-17

The “Clothing” For Healthy Relationships, 12-17.

“Put On...”

→ “You have put on the New Self...” 3:10

→ Now, “Put on these characteristics...” 3:12

The part that is **DONE**...serves as the
BASIS for what **we are to DO!**

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FORGIVENESS in HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, 13

- Two Words For Forgiveness...
 - ✓ “**To send away,**” used in Matthew 6 (3x) & 18 (4X), and 1 John 1:9.
(Not used in Colossians)
 - ✓ A verb formed from the word for “**grace,**” that is, “**to act with grace,**” “**to act freely,**” so, “**to dismiss the guilt with no punishment or repayment.**”

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Colossians 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

“it does not seek its own,” 5

“Love is kind,” 4

“is not arrogant,” 4

“is not provoked,” 5

“Love is patient,” 4

“Bears all things,” 7

“Does not take into account a wrong suffered,” 5

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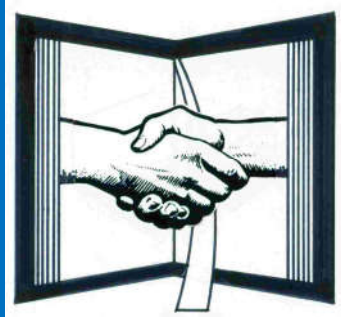
OR

“Bonding together” believers

“Maturity” will probably include both...
manifesting all of the qualities of ἀγάπη love
AND maintaining unity with other believers

APPLICATION:
SELF-TEST...

1. How many of the characteristics of ἀγάπη love do I regularly manifest?
2. How well do I “preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?”



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