

# 10/14/18 | Keep it Simple: Simply Be Who You Are

*"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."*

—Ephesians 4:1 | NIV



## ALIVE

1. Have you ever bought new clothes and then left them in the closet/dresser for months? Or have you ever bought a new appliance/tool and let it collect dust on a shelf for a few years?
2. How do you think God feels when we don't use the new life He gave us but regress to our old habits?
3. What stuck out to you from Colossians 3? What stuck out to you from the sermon?

## UNITY

4. Read Colossians 3:1-17. If all you knew about unity in God came from these verses, what would you know?
5. Compare Colossians 3:1-17 with Ephesians 4:1-6,17-24. What differences do you notice? What similarities do you notice?
6. Why do you think Paul wrote similar messages to churches in two different cities?
7. Read Ephesians 4:15 and Romans 15:5-7. How are we to have unity? What is the purpose that brings us together?
8. Read John 17:21. Why does Jesus call us to unity?
9. What do you think is the most important reason for striving after unity among other believers? What can you do to live at peace together (Romans 12:19)?

## **LIFE CLOTHES**

10. Read Romans 8:1. Read the verse again. How do you react to such news?
11. Read Romans 8:2. Read the verse again. How do you react to such news?
12. Read Romans 8:3-8, 13. Is it any wonder that God calls us to live by His Spirit? With this obligation (vv. 12-13) to live by the Spirit, is God forcing all His children to follow a bunch of rules? Explain.
13. How does Galatians 5:13-18 connect freedom, unity, and living by the Spirit?
14. How wasteful is it to go on sinning after we have been freed? How does it compare to leaving a gift in its wrapping paper or jumping in the mud after a shower or clinging to manacles after being released from slavery?
15. How can you use the verses from this study to “clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” (Col 3:12b)? What will you do this week to promote the “unity of the Spirit” (Eph 4:3)? What will you do this week to live “alive with Christ” (Eph 2:5)?