

CHRISTIANITY IN A NUTSHELL

Lesson 8: Distinguishing Characteristics Colossians 3:12-17

Introduction:

What characteristics define Christians? Would our unbelieving neighbors define our faith as more of what we are against than the character we exude? Previously, Paul listed characteristics which described what Christians should “put off,” and now he will describe what will replace what was removed. And these characteristics which define Christians are our...

I. A _____ (vv. 12-14)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

“And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” Ephesians 4:32

“If I speak the languages of men and of angels, but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so that I can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-13:3

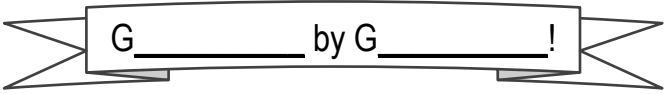
“Above all, keep your love for one another at full strength, since love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

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II. P _____ (v. 15)

“And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7



III. G _____ (vv. 16-17)

“We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28

“Now, my brothers, I myself am convinced about you that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.”

Romans 15:14

