

# Coming in First Place ~ the preeminence of Jesus Christ

"... so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything"(Colossians 1:18).

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### *Colossians 3:12-14- The Christian's Experience – A putting on (Part 1)*

(to be used to as a starting point for further application of the truths delivered)

1. How have you beheld the glory of God this past week? What would you tell those who asked you to give a defense, an account, for the hope within you?
2. In your own words, what does it mean to you as a believer in Christ to be called, "chosen of God, holy and beloved?" How does this motivate you to live for God?
3. Of the eight virtues listed in verses 12-14 and discussed in the sermon, which ones do you strive after the most; which ones are the hardest? Why is this?
4. Prayerfully read through and consider the following statement that was read at the end of the sermon. What does such a statement prompt in you? How might we go about changing any deficiencies we found in ourselves as a result of reading this?

*What kind of church would the local church that I attend be if everyone was just like me? How long would the church be able to pay its bills, support its ministries, and back its missionaries? If everyone reacted as I do, how long would it survive? If everyone won as many souls as I do, would the church be growing or declining? Suppose that everyone supported the services the way I do, would there be any gatherings of God's people? If everyone studied their Bible and prayed as much as I do, what would the church be like? Suppose everyone followed my example when it came to visitation, teaching Sunday school, caring for the nursery, or helping with the chores – what kind of a church would it be?*