

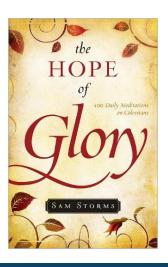
Sunday Series Autumn 2022

What is the series about?

As life rolls by we all put things at the centre of our lives. For some of us it's family, friends or our career. For others it's our house or our well-being. In this series we will discover that true life is only found if Jesus takes centre stage in our lives. Join us on a Sunday at one of our three locations to follow along.

Recommended Reading

The Hope of Glory
Sam Storms



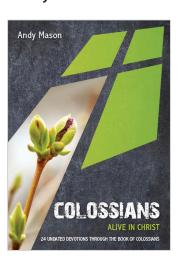
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Colossians, Alive in Christ Andy Mason





Title: Wear who you are

Speaker: Marcus Tutt (City Centre) Bible Ref: Colossians 3: 12-14

Overview

As one psychologist put it: "Clothes send out an endless variety of messages about who we are, what we feel, and which group we belong to." Paul writes to the Colossian Church to tell them to put on, or clothe themselves, with certain virtues or character traits. He has told them to put off certain ways of thinking and acting, and now he tells them what to put on. With physical clothes, the image does not always line up with the reality, but our character and our actions can be a lot more telling. Before instructing them what to wear, though, Paul tells them who they are. What we do (our character and actions) should come out of who we are, so he reminds them that they are chosen, holy, and loved. In light of this, they are to clothe themselves with compassion, patience and so on. They are to forgive as the Lord has forgiven them. It helps in "getting dressed," to remember how the Lord has acted towards us. In this way, Jesus is our model, our stylist, or influencer and our fashion guru!

- 1. How do you decide what to wear in the mornings?
- 2. What does it mean to be "chosen, holy and dearly loved" by the Lord?
- 3. How will you clothe yourself with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" and "love"? (meditate on who we are in Christ, and how the Lord has related to us in these ways, then treat others in the same way)
- 4. How has God forgiven you? (He planned forgiveness, pointed out the need for forgiveness, paid for forgiveness, and proclaimed his willingness to forgive)
- 5. How does the Lord's forgiveness of you, motivate, and empower you to forgive others?