

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Let the Praises Sing, The Lion and the Lamb, Your Great Name

## WELCOME

OOTD. Describe your typical "Outfit of The Day" and share why you choose that kind of outfit.

## WORD

### COLOSSIANS 3:12

*<sup>12</sup>So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Christ being supreme in our lives means we must put on our spiritual wardrobe. This requires a decisive action from us. We must first take off our 'grave clothes' of sin – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from our mouths (**Colossians 3:8–11**). Then we put on our 'grace clothes.' This is our new life in Christ with a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and love (**Colossians 3:12–14**). Simply said, to put on our spiritual wardrobe is to put on Christ.

### TAKE OFF YOUR GRAVE CLOTHES

As believers, we sin not because we have to, but because we choose and want to do so. We used to be enslaved by our old captain, the devil, but Jesus is now the captain of our life. Jesus has already had the victory over our greatest enemies – sin, the devil and death. They have been rendered inoperative, and they have no more power over us.

With Jesus in our lives, we have the resources and means to do the right thing. But sometimes we still find ourselves struggling in our Christian life. The old life often tells us to do things the old way. Probably because we think no one else will know and we've done it before anyway, we tend to forget that we can actually say 'No' and we can instead move in the direction God wants us to go. We must consider the old life dead, by faith (**Ephesians 4:22,25**).

Since grave clothing is not the right outfit for Christians, we must lay aside the sin that entangles us (**Hebrews 12:1**). They are like weeds, if we do not pull them off now from the roots, they will grow and spread. The longer these weeds are there, the harder they are to be pulled-out.

We should remember who we are now in Christ. That we are God's chosen and we have been declared holy and set apart in Christ.

### PUT ON YOUR GRACE CLOTHES

Not only that we need to take off the grave clothes, we also need to put on the 'grace clothes' (**Colossians 3:9–10**). Putting on our 'grace clothes' means we are putting on Christ by filling our minds with His thoughts and His truths (**Romans 13:14, Philippians 4:8**).

When we put on our 'grace clothes,' which is our spiritual armor, we are putting on Jesus (**Ephesians 6:10–13**). Jesus is all there is in our spiritual armor: He is our salvation, our righteousness, the truth, the object of our faith, the gospel and the living Word of God.

We must lay aside the old self which is corrupted and put on the new self which is being renewed into Christlikeness (**Colossians 3:9**). Apostle Paul mentions some grace clothes we are to put on (**Colossians 3:12–14**):

**Put on a Heart of Compassion** – This means feeling the empathy, tenderness, mercy and sensitivity toward those who are suffering, helpless and distressed, like how Jesus felt to a multitude of people who were like sheep without a shepherd (**Matthew 9:6**). The world needs the church's heart of compassion.

**Put on Kindness** – This is goodness and grace from the heart which prompts us to help like the Good Samaritan; not just simply passing by or merely observing but doing something to extend grace to someone. It is usually evident in how we treat a waiter, guard, driver, or helper. Keep in mind how Jesus is kind to us even though we don't deserve it.

**Put on Humility (Philippians 2:1–12)** – Humility does not exist in the list of esteemed virtues of the pagan

## WORD (cont'd)

world in Jesus' day. It was Christianity who invented humility as a desirable trait with Christ himself as the perfect example. Because we are putting other's needs ahead of our own, humility does not just mean thinking less of one's self, but not thinking of one's self at all (**Romans 12:3**). It is an antidote for self-love that ruins relationships and a necessary accessory for our spiritual wardrobe.

**Put on Gentleness (Galatians 5:22–23)** – A fruit of the Holy Spirit; self-restraint does not mean weakness but strength under control. We cannot manufacture gentleness on our own but it is Jesus who produces it in us for He is meek.

**Put on Patience** – Means not being short-tempered, nor getting angry at others. Patience is the opposite of resentment or revenge. It is having composure,

persistence, restraint, perseverance, self-control, staying power and a heart-felt attitude toward another.

**Put on Forgiveness** – Means bearing with one another to endure and to hold out in spite of persecution, threats, injury, indifference or complaints. Unforgiveness is like a clenched fist to our spirit, the tension is not good for us; it bleeds with bitterness and all kinds of problems, so we need to let it go. We all should forgive as the Lord forgave us.

**Put on Love (1 Corinthians 13:1–7)** - Beyond all, put on love, the perfect bond of unity. All of these grace clothes must come from the heart out of love. At the end of it all, we have a choice to say no to sin and to put on Christlikeness because of God's amazing grace and abounding love in us.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

1. **Dress Up.** What must believers put on according to **Colossians 3:12**? Why?
2. **Grave to Grace.** Which among the “grace clothes” have replaced your “grave clothes” since you accepted Jesus?
3. **Grace Full.** Among the “grace clothes”, which have you not yet fully put on in your life? In what specific ways can you put on these “grace clothes” as a display of Christ being supreme in your life?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

This week, share Jesus using the **One Minute Witness** tool to at least 3 people using the guide below:  
[www.OneMinuteWitness.org](http://www.OneMinuteWitness.org)

1. **Permission** – “*May I ask you a question?*”  
“*What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?*  
*May I share the best thing that has ever happened to me?*”
2. **B.C. – Describe your life before Christ**  
“*There was a time in my life when...*”  
Finish with three adjectives
3. **T.P. – What was your turning point?**  
How did you hear about Jesus?  
Finish this sentence: “*When I realized Jesus died for my sins, I invited Him to ...*”
4. **A.D. – “Since I met Jesus, I ...”** Describe at least 3 positive changes that Christ made in your life.
5. “*If I had not met Christ, I...*” What would your life look like without Christ?”

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends