

is baptized. Putting on Christ is the same as being put “into Christ” through baptism. And it is “in Christ” where a superior amount of blessings exist. These include “all spiritual blessings” (Eph. 1:3), eternal “life” (I Jn. 5:11), “redemption” (Rom. 3:24), and drawing “nigh” to God (Eph. 2:13). Have you put on Christ yet? If not, why not?

3) PUT ON MERCY, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, AND LONGSUFFERING. The one-time persecutor authored, “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering” (Col. 3:12). Amazingly, these attitudes and dispositions seem to be the opposite of main-stream today. But, as people of God, they must be part of our daily spiritual wardrobe. We must exhibit the ability to forgive others, to display common courtesy to others, to make it known we are not any more important than any other soul on earth, to be courageous yet not prideful, and to exercise long patience with others. Have you put these on yet? If not, why not?

4) PUT ON CHARITY. The teacher from Tarsus wrote, “And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness” (Col. 3:14). Charity, or love, is said to be the “greatest” in I Corinthians 13:13. It is defined as something which “suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (I Cor. 13:4-7). Have you put on charity yet? If not, why not?

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“THINGS TO PUT ON”

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The phrase “put on” appears in the Bible 49 times. When reading these words, one should think about the idea of “investing in an attitude or disposition,” or “adopting certain godly behaviors and traits.” Are you putting the following on?

1) PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT. Paul penned, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Rom. 13:12). As this verse suggests, most of us have spent far too much time walking in darkness. The time for that must end immediately. To combat such activity, we must “put on” the armor of God. A through reading of Ephesians 6:10-19 will equip the reader to know every aspect of the Christian’s armor. It is necessary to “stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:11). It is needed to “be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:13). It is required to “be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” (Eph. 6:16). Have you put on the armor of God yet? If not, why not?

2) PUT ON CHRIST. The apostle wrote, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). Putting on Christ occurs, according to this text, when one

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

Read Ephesians 6:10-19.

Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) Why are we to put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11)?

- 2) “For we wrestle not against _____ and _____, but against principalities, against _____, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in _____ places” (Eph. 6:12).
- 3) Of what is the breastplate made (Eph. 6:14)?

- 4) “And your _____ shod with the preparation of the gospel of _____; Above all, taking the shield of _____, wherewith ye shall be able to _____ all the fiery _____ of the wicked” (Eph. 6:15-16).
- 5) What is identified as the “sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17)?

- 6) “_____ always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and _____ thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all _____” (Eph. 6:18).
- 7) Paul requested prayers for what in Ephesians 6:19?

- 8) Paul wanted to open his “mouth _____” (Eph. 6:19).

TOPIC OF THE WEEK: PERSEVERANCE **FOR THE DAYS OF FEB. 26 - MAR. 1, 2024**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Perseverance: Steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose; steadfastness.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Old Testament passages dealing with perseverance
I Chr. 16:11; II Chr. 15:7; Isa. 40:30-31; Jer. 29:13-14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

New Testament passages dealing with perseverance
Gal. 6:9; II Thess. 3:13; Heb. 10:23,10:36,11:6; Jam. 1:12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Ruth’s perseverance

Ruth 1:6-18

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

Application: Great rewards come to those who are persistent, diligent and perseverant. We must fight the urge to ever give in, give up, or quit.

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