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Essential Truth: *We forbear one another because Christ has made us one, forgiven us, and bound us together in love.*

Scripture: Colossians 3:11-15 We forbear one another because Christ has made us one, forgiven us, and bound us together in love. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Observations:

- Here we are focused on our new identity in Christ, not our origin, family background, or other earthly demographics
- This begins to show the unifying power the fruit of the Spirit (covered later in Colossians) can have when Christians live into them, rather than following earthly desires
- We are called to forgive others, even those we disagree with. Period. It is our duty to forgive one another, imitating the forgiveness through which we are saved
- Above all, LOVE rises to the top. Those who follow Jesus should be “marked” by the love they show to others, which leads to peaceful unity
- There is a clear ending of thanksgiving. This can remind us that a person who is reigned over by Jesus Christ is a grateful person. Gratitude marks their life, because they understand that they’re going to heaven

Application: May we make sure that we let others, including those in Christ's body and especially those who are yet to believe, see our “new clothes” (covered in the verses preceding this passage) and that what they see on the outside matches the change we claim Jesus did on the inside. Even when it is difficult and disagreements arise, let's remember that as Christ's body we are called to let GOD's peace guide our relationships and His truth fill our community. Thus, helping us not follow our own earthly desires, but, rather, doing what is in the best interest of everyone around us and taking care of each other. Let's allow this free and life-changing gift of salvation to overflow out of our hearts, through our words and actions, even when differences arise, binding us together in unity through your great love.

Prayer: *Father, I know that I often pursue the things of this world. May I flee from my earthly desires, and work towards loving one another in all that I do. Help me to put on love first, love those I disagree with, and boldly imitate the forgiveness you have given me to those around me. Help me to take care of others first and use your example of love and forgiveness as a guide towards unity within Century Baptist Church, the larger body of Christ, and the greater world full of all of your children. Thank you for all you have done and do. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

