

# CANCELLED

JANUARY 9



## Sermon Outline

### Key verse

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Colossians 3:12

How to develop a heart of compassion

1. Humbly admit your own mistakes

*You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.*

Colossians 3:7

2. Forgive others when they fail

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.*

*Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Colossians 3:13

3. Love others – even when it is hard

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Colossians 3:14

## CLOTHED WITH COMPASSION

### Opening Thought

As we see more and more people “cancelled” in the public forum, it can be challenging to know how to respond to the rise of public scrutiny and condemnation. Over the next four weeks we will learn the biblical model for repentance and how we keep people accountable, while leaving room for grace. The Scriptures call us to be clothed with compassion.

### Ice breakers

- What is your favorite article of clothing? Why?
- Have you ever felt compelled to boycott or cancel something or someone? What motivated you to do that?

### Dig Deeper

- Read Ephesians 4:32, 1 Peter 3:8, & Colossians 3:12-17. What do these verses call us to do? Who do these verses call us to be?
- How should being clothed this way affect the way you treat others?
- How might our witness be tarnished if we fail to be clothed with compassion? (see John 13:34-35)
- Can you think of a situation where you needed compassion or forgiveness and received it?
- How do we “let the peace of Christ” rule our interactions with one another?
- Why is a thankful spirit an important part of holy living?

### Closing

- How can you show compassion to those in your life this week?
- In what ways will the Word of God dwell in you richly this week?