

When People Rub You the Wrong Way

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Col 3:12-15

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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1. **REMEMBER WHO YOU BELONG TO AND REPRESENT!**

v. 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, ...

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2. **SEEK TO TAKE ON THE QUALITIES OF CHRIST!**

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3. **FORGIVE AS YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN!**

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Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

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4. **LOVE THEM ON BEHALF OF CHRIST!**

v. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

2 Cor 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

CONCLUSION:

Paul summarizes his appeal to Christians this way...

v. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Gal 5:22-23

... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.