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(802-8) Colossians 3:12–17

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**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Colossians**

Brothers and sisters:

**Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one
another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.**

**And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.**

**And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one
Body.**

And be thankful.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one
another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.**

**And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

The word of the Lord.