

# Colossians - Chapter 3

## “Putting on Love and Peace”

### Colossians 3:14

#### Verse 14

1. The heart attitudes that we just studied in verses 12-13 are the true test of spiritual maturity. What is the crowning virtue that holds all of these other godly fruits together, and binds them and keeps them in our hearts and lives? Charity, or \_\_\_\_\_.

- The word “*perfectness*” doesn’t mean sinlessness, but carries the idea of completeness and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Why would Paul say, “*Above all these things put on charity...*”? It is because love is the \_\_\_\_\_ from which flows all the other wonderful fruits of verses 12-13.

3. Love is correct biblical \_\_\_\_\_, which leads to correct \_\_\_\_\_.

- “*Charity 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.*”

#### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

- We are able to love because God has lavishly bestowed His love upon us. Ephesians 2:4, 3:17-19, 4:2, 5:2; 1 John 4:10-11
- “*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*”

#### **Romans 5:5**

- “*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*” **John 13:34**
- God has given us a spirit of love. 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:9
- Just as fruit grows, we can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the fruit of love. 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3