

## **Grow: Holy Orchards | October 28, 2018**

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**Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.** (Colossians 3.12-14)

We conclude our *Grow* series by asking a simple question: What does growth in a Christian look like? Or - How do we know when we're growing?

### **In review:**

- Growth begins with *abandon* - Colossians 2.6-7
- Growth is about *renewal* - Colossians 3.10-11

Growth begins with abandon and renewal - putting ourselves into the hands of our Creator with confidence in his love and trust that he'll grow us up into mature human beings.

### **Colossians 3.12-14 - Growth is about Harmony**

- "Holy people" - we don't grow alone. Christian growth has to do with the relationships around us, it's not an individual thing, a disembodied spirituality.
- This is especially important to remember this in a society that is obsessed with individualism and self.
- "Put on" literally "clothe yourself" in mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness.
- "Put on love" - "Love, your basic all-purpose garment..." (The Message)

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What does "putting on love" look like for you, in every day life?
- What are you taking away from the *Grow* series in October? What encouraged or challenged you?