

In the first century, getting dressed was simpler for the average person than it is for us today. The apostle Paul likely wore a knee-length tunic, perhaps a kind of undergarment, a robe or cloak, and sandals for his feet, and perhaps a belt around his waist. Still, that small number of items was enough to stimulate his thinking when it came to describing the Christian's spiritual 'wardrobe'.

In Colossians 3:12-14, Paul described at least eight different articles of spiritual clothing that the Christian should 'put on' daily: compassion (tender mercies), kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, patience, forgiveness, and love which is "the bond of perfection" (that which ties the others together in unity). In a world where many people strive to be fashion forward, imagine the impact of a person dressed in Paul's eight spiritual qualities. Which would change the world more - being dressed in the latest fashions or being dressed in the likeness of Christ? Definitely the latter.

As you get dressed each morning, imagine putting on love and the other traits Paul mentions. Being 'dressed' in Christlikeness will set you apart in the world.

Colossians 3:12-13 "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another."