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Now **think** about and **find** answers to these questions:

1. At the beginning of verse 12 the Church is described as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved. Take some time to think about or share with your group what each means to you. What do you appreciate about each? Do you think God the Father would say the same of his Son, Jesus Christ? Why?
2. Previously in Chapter 3 verses 1 to 11 (go back and read them if necessary) we were told to “put to death” and “get rid of” certain things. What were they and why?
3. Having been saved by the person and work of Christ we are now *being sanctified* – made more and more like Jesus by God (Col 3:10). Verses 12 to 17 begin a series of virtues, Christlike virtues we are given to live out, or in the words of Paul “clothe ourselves with”, “Put on” and “Let”. What are they? (You may like to take time to think through the application and implication of each or a few)
4. Turn to Galatians Chapter 2 verse 20. How might this verse help us to know why we live out these virtues?

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