

Cinderella with Amnesia

Colossians 3:12-17

LG Questions for 03/01/09

Getting Started

- 1) **The Ideal Church.** In his book Cinderella with Amnesia, Michael Griffith says the church of today has forgotten the beauty God longs to produce in us as the Bride of Christ. Do you agree? If so, what virtues do you think we're forgetting? If you don't agree with his caricature, tell why.

Getting Into The Bible

- 2) **Ingredient #1: Thankfulness.** Read Colossians 3:12-17. What prevailing attitude does Paul tell us to have in the last three verses of this passage? Take a moment to reflect on what it means to belong to God's family and share something that has made you thankful that you're a member of it.
- 3) **Ingredient #2: Forgiveness.** Read Colossians 3:12-15. Though the church is on the road to perfection, how do these verses make it clear that we haven't yet arrived? Without naming names or being overly negative, how have you had to learn to forgive as a member of Christ's church?
- 4) **Ingredient #3: Truthfulness.** Read Colossians 3:16-17. The love we're to have for one another is not the kind that ignores the truth. Instead, what obligation does Paul say we have to one another as we grow together in Christ's love? Describe one way you've seen this play out in your life.

Getting Personal and Practical

- 5) **Put It On.** Describing the traits we need to become Christ's "Cinderella," Paul uses the phrase "put on," describing a conscious decision on our part. Thinking back to what you've learned in this lesson, what character trait do you need and will you choose to develop in the days ahead?