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# WRAPPED IN CHRIST FOR ETERNAL LIFE

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Sermon | Col. 1:13-20 | Last Sunday of Church Year



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## **Wrapped in Christ for Eternal Life!**

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

This morning's sermon is drawn from the Epistle to Colossians, which we heard read a few moments ago.

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November will close in just over a week, and the year twenty-twenty-five will give way to Advent and Christmas. That means the busiest season of the year is upon us. A season when we spend much of our time wrapping valuables.

You might think you're a novice at wrapping things up, but I would disagree. We are all professionals at it.

Haven't you already wrapped up your summer clothing? If not, you'll do so soon. I wrapped up my all-season tires this Thursday.

Young parents in our midst wrap up their bundles of joy each night and tuck them into beds. Seniors know this like the back of their hand; they have been wrapping many things throughout their lives. Especially memories. Fond memories, golden memories that we all cherish and hope to secure in our hearts.

But here's the truth; no matter how carefully we wrap, everything eventually unravels. Clothes wear thin, tires wear out, memories fade, and even the most precious things lose their shine. We spend so much time to secure what we value, but it never lasts. Our wrapping is always temporary.

And let's be honest to ourselves, all such things leave us unsettled. Because we know that all our efforts to hold the life together eventually fail.

And it's not just our possessions or memories that unravel. Saint Paul reminds us in Colossians that apart from Christ, we are wrapped up in something far worse—*"the domain of darkness"* (Col.1:13).

Think about it:

- How often do we wrap ourselves in excuses, hoping no one will see the guilt we carry?
- Or we wrap our lives in busyness, so that we don't have to face the reality of our mortal lives.
- Sometimes we even wrap our hearts with sweet memories, hoping to keep the grief out, but it still finds its way in.

And if grief can break through even our fondest memories, then what about the greater reality that none of us can escape—the end of all things?

As November closes and the Church year wraps up, we are reminded that all things must come to an end. Just as seasons change, so too our lives move toward this bare truth. Scripture tells us plainly: *“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment”* (Heb.9:27).

We can wrap our lives in possessions, achievements, or memories but none of them can stop the march of time. Our very bones testify to this truth as we age. We see it when our children grow too quickly. And all of us feel it when memories slip away or our loved ones are no longer with us.

The end of the Church Year is a reminder that, just as the calendar runs out, so will our days. And when that day comes, none of our wrappings will matter as we stand before the throne of our Lord.

If our possessions cannot pause time, if our achievements cannot silence death, if our memories cannot hold back grief—then what protection can we find within ourselves?

Our wrappings fail us more often than we realize. They cannot shield us from sin, death, or the judgement to come. When the Day of the Lord arrives, His holiness will expose every hidden sin.

Dear friends of Immanuel, but here is the good news: We do not rest our hope in our own wrappings but the very act of God in Christ Jesus.

What did we read in the Epistle to Colossians today?

Saint Paul declares, *“God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”* (Col.1:1-2).

The very holiness of God that exposes our sins *is also* the holiness that *wraps us* in Christ's righteousness.

What we could never cover with our own wrappings, God has covered completely in Jesus.

On the cross, Jesus took our guilt, our failures, our hidden sins, and He wrapped us instead in His forgiveness, purchased by His blood. In Him we are secure, for Christ has redeemed us to live with Him forever.

- In His tender mercy, Jesus wraps us in our Baptisms, granting us boldness to stand before the Father as His dear children.
- Jesus wraps us in His love and compassion, feeding us with His very flesh and blood to keep us from death and damnation.

And here is the wonder of the season we are about to enter.

The eternal Son of God chose to be wrapped Himself.

At His birth, Jesus assumed humanity so that He might redeem it. Wrapped in swaddling cloth at His birth, Christ now reigns over all things. He is the One who now holds the universe together, for by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Christ is the head of the Church and is glorified by the Father Himself.

Saint Paul declares, "*in Him all things hold together*" (Col.1:17). That means our lives, our families, our future, and all things are held together in Christ. Being preeminent—surpassing all—Christ has redeemed us, for no one else could. Nothing could save us from eternal damnation but Jesus alone. For He is true God from eternity, is now and ever shall be, living and reigning in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

What unravels in our hands is secured in Christ's. What slips through our fingers is kept safe in His nail-scarred hands.

Now, as the Church year draws to a close, we look forward to the Day of the Lord, when Jesus will come again in His glory.

And on that day, we will not stand in fear, wrapped in our fragile coverings. We will stand boldly, and joyfully, wrapped in Christ Himself—in His mercy and eternal promise.

Jesus wraps the whole world—and you and me—in His eternal promise of salvation. Amen.

Now may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Him. Amen.

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