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Believers have been chosen (elect) by God before the foundation of the world. GRACE!

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Compassion is deep, gut-level feeling of compassion (bowels of compassion, KJV).

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Compliments compassion. Often kindness to the ungrateful and undeserving. Like us.

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Humility is not weakness! True humility is extremely Christ-like. The way to God's grace.

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Gentleness is willingness to suffer injury rather than inflicting it. Only by the Spirit...

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Patience is exact opposite of revenge/resentment. God's patience = salvation!

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Bearing with each other means enduring persecution w/o retaliation. Reviled? Bless!

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Literally means to show grace. Remembering the mountain of debt God forgave you.

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Put on love which binds these virtues all together. Like the overcoat. Love fulfills the Law

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The peace (factual and attitude) of Christ. The fact of peace with God makes us thankful.

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Word of Christ (Scriptures). Teaching, admonishing, w/psalms, hymns, spiritual songs.

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