

Colossians 3:1-4 (November 26, 2023)
“Our Identity in Christ: Part 1”

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Colossians 3:1-4

1. What is Paul instructing believers to do in Colossians 3:1-2? Contrast a person who sets his mind on the things of earth with those whose mind is set on things above (see Matt. 16:23; Romans 8:6-11; Philippians 3:14 and any other verses you find).

2. Name the distractions that can easily keep our focus on the things of earth rather than on Christ?

3. Read Psalm 1:3; 77:11-14; 119:15-16. How do these passages encourage you to seek the things that are above? What has helped you to put this into practice?

4. Discuss the following quote and give examples of the Christians described:

“A heavenly focus produces an earthly difference. In fact, it should make all the difference in the world. C.S. Lewis understood this perfectly. The Bible is not advocating a form of escapism or wishful thinking. ‘It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.’” (Colossians & Philemon For You p. 122 by Mark Meynell)

5. Colossians 3:3 states, “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” How is a believer’s life “hidden with Christ” (Psalm 27:5-6, 31:19-20; Isaiah 29:20)?

6. What is the present and future of the believer described in Colossians 3:4 (1 John 3:2-3)? Share your response to this present and future reality?