



“The Things Above”

Colossians 3:1-4

March 6, 2022

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What kinds of thoughts occupy your mind the most? Stress? Anxiety? Day dreaming? Longings for vacation? Food? People? Scripture? The “To Do” List?

QUICK REVIEW

Having expressed his gratitude for the Colossian church, and having presented a clear picture of the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ (chapter 1), Paul explicitly warns the Colossians against a heresy spreading in their city (chapter 2). Moving forward, Paul exhorts the church about their new life in Christ and the Kingdom lifestyle union with Jesus leads to.

As those raised with Christ,

- 1. Let’s focus our thoughts on the things above (3:1-2)**
- 2. Let’s do this because Christ is our very life (3:3-4)**

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Colossians 3:2 teaches us to set our minds on the things above. The Bible is emphatic about the importance of the thought life. Reflecting on these passages, what is the Lord teaching you?

Isaiah 26:1-6

Romans 12:1-2

Ephesians 4:17-24

Philippians 4:4-9

2. “Seek the things that are above.” Strive earnestly for them. What does it mean to seek something in this way? What are you striving for in life? How does this passage transform that?

3. “Your life is hidden with Christ in God.” What is the meaning of that? How might Christians seeking the “triumphant, glamorous, prosperous life” now be striving against God’s way of working through humble means?

4. Someday we will appear with Christ in glory. How do these passages fill out the meaning of this? What application do these passage point to?

I Corinthians 15:50-58

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

I John 2:26-3:2