

Pastor Lance Ainsworth Colossians 3:1-11

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, May 30 Sunday, June 2

Introduction:

Colossians 3:1-11 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where	notes
Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3For you have died and	
your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.	
The abundant life is not about Jesus, it is Jesus.	
⁵ Therefore consider the members of you earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶ For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.	
Saint or Sinner. Which is it?	
But now you also, put them all aside: anger,	
wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him Ta renewal in which there	
is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,	
Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.	
In Christ, we are Saved, Set apart, Significant, and Secure.	

GROUP DISCUSSION

Transcendent Colossians 3:1-11 Pastor Lance Ainsworth May 30th & June 2nd, 2024 Saved, Significant, and Secure

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is the worst job you have ever had?

Read Aloud: Colossians 3:1-11

1. v.1-2 "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." In Greek, seeking and setting are in the present active tense, meaning to keep seeking and setting our thoughts on Jesus. What does a focused thought life look like? Do you think most spiritual battles in our lives happen in our thoughts? What would a thought inventory look like to you?

2. v.5 "Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry." We put to death the things that caused death. Why must sin be killed and not managed? Have you tried to negotiate with sin? Do you agree with this quote? "Sin never seems irresistible until you want to break from it?"

3. v.6-7 "For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them." Do you identify more with being a sinner or a saint? Does it matter? How does identity determine habits?

4. v.10 "and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— 11a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all." The church in Colossae was diverse in ethnicity, social status, and tradition. How can a diverse church be unified? How can we prioritize our commitment to Jesus over our differences?