



# DIGGING DEEPER

Colossians 2:8-3:4



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## SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 3 of our 5-part series in the book of Colossians. In this week's portion of the letter, Paul leans into the implied question of "how then shall we live?" Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 2:8-3:4

## DISCUSS

1. Paul warns us not to be taken captive by hollow and deceptive philosophy and then points the Church to the freedom we find in Christ. Look at the list of ways we have freedom in Christ from the passage. Which one resonates with you and/or which do you need to be reminded of this week?
  - Jesus has circumcised our hearts (v. 11)
  - Jesus has defeated death (v. 12-13)
  - Jesus canceled our debt (v. 13-14)
  - Jesus condemned the enemy (v. 15)
  - Jesus secured our victory (v. 15)
2. Jesus also sets us free from slavery to self-focus and empty/false religion. How can we not become trapped in this kind of slavery? How can we experience freedom from this?
3. Donny referenced Tim Keller's thoughts on 2 different ways to live: by works or by the gospel. Consider the kind of character God has in both scenarios, consider the kind of people, and the kind of Church that is built based on these foundations. What is Paul encouraging the Colossians to be shaped by?
4. Consider this quote from Pace & Akin from their book (Christ-centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Colossians and Philemon) "Through our new life in him, Jesus intends to redirect our pursuits, reshape our perspective, and redefine our purpose."
  - How should being raised with Christ:
    - redirect your life's pursuits?
    - reshape your perspective?
    - redefine your life's purpose?

**PRAYER TIME:** Share requests and pray for one another.

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- **Missions Auction:** 4/27 | Doors open at 4p | Tickets \$30/person  
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- **Baptism Sunday:** 4/28 | Baptisms within services and after the 10:30a on the plaza
- **WFO Brunch:** 5/2 | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Jeff from Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- **Big Day of Service:** 5/4 | View schedule & projects & sign up to help
- **Celebrating Lauri's Retirement:** 5/5 | After service on plaza, honoring Lauri's 28 years of ministry at Fair Oaks!
- **NOTE:** No Meet the Missionaries in May

