



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: February 14, 2021 Prayer Service

Series: Colossians Series

Verse: Colossians 3:1-4 S

Main Idea: Christ alone is the object of the Christian's worship. Our union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection is the basis of our security and hope as we await his return in glory.

1. You are raised with Christ – seek what is above (v. 1)
 - a. Christ's resurrection gives you a new identity and orients you to his glory
 - b. Your identity in Christ transforms your relationship to the world
 - c. You died with Christ – quit focusing on temporary, earthly things (vv. 2-3a)
 - d. Christ's death liberates you from having to attain righteousness for yourself by human means
 - e. Christ's death liberates you from the threat of evil
- f. You are hidden with Christ (vv. 3b-4)
 - g. You are profoundly secure
 - h. You will share in Christ's glory when he returns

The Christian life is wholly dependent on our union with Christ. Christian discipleship is the continuous re-orientation of our lives to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

POINT: Look to Christ, keep looking to Christ, and help others look to Christ!

Discussion Questions:

1. How well do you feel like you grasp what is true of you if you are in Christ? Read back through Colossians and list out everything Paul says about the Colossian believers (and therefore you by way of your union with Christ). What is your reaction to this list? Confess where you struggle with unbelief or doubt. Praise God for his promise that these things are true of you because of Christ.
2. Where are you prone to find your sense of identity? (Consider where you spend that majority of your time, energy, money, and thoughts)
3. How do Christ's death and resurrection liberate us from having to achieve our right standing with God via our own effort, practices, or experiences? How does this change your relationship to God's word, prayer, church attendance, etc.?
4. What is the worst that evil can do to you? How does Christ's death free you from that threat?
5. Where are you oriented (consider your desires, thoughts, affections, behavior)? What would it look like to orient your life to Christ? How does the gospel give you hope and free you from condemnation as you make adjustments?
6. What would our church be like if each person was looking to Christ, orienting their lives to Christ, and actively helping others orient their lives to Christ? What role could you play?

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