

CHRIST OUR LIFE IN OUR FAMILIES
1 Samuel 2:12-26 (CSB)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 (CSB)

Eli's sons were wicked men; they did not respect the LORD ¹³or the priests' share of the sacrifices from the people. When anyone offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged meat fork while the meat was boiling ¹⁴and plunge it into the container, kettle, cauldron, or cooking pot. The priest would claim for himself whatever the meat fork brought up. This is the way they treated all the Israelites who came there to Shiloh. ¹⁵Even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the one who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast, because he won't accept boiled meat from you—only raw." ¹⁶If that person said to him, "The fat must be burned first; then you can take whatever you want for yourself," the servant would reply, "No, I insist that you hand it over right now. If you don't, I'll take it by force!" ¹⁷So the servants' sin was very severe in the presence of the LORD, because the men treated the LORD's offering with contempt. ¹⁸Samuel served in the LORD's presence—this mere boy was dressed in the linen ephod. ¹⁹Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife: "May the LORD give you children by this woman in place of the one she has given to the LORD." Then they would go home. ²¹The LORD paid attention to Hannah's need, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD. ²²Now Eli was very old. He heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they were sleeping with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ²³He said to them, "Why are you doing these things? I have heard about your evil actions from all these people. ²⁴No, my sons, the news I hear the LORD's people spreading is not good. ²⁵If one person sins against another, God can intercede for him, but if a person sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to their father, since the LORD intended to kill them. ²⁶By contrast, the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

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1. Christ our Life as PARENTS and LEADERS.

There was a man from Ramathaim-zophim in the hill country of Ephraim. His name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ²He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless. ³This man would go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of Armies at Shiloh, where Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were the LORD's priests.

1 Samuel 1:1-3 (CSB)

But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, ⁴traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (CSB)

2. Christ our Life as CHILDREN and FOLLOWERS.

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1 Samuel 2:23-25 (CSB)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23 (CSB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (CSB)

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ¹⁶In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained.

Philippians 3:12-16 (CSB)

The elder: To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. ²Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well. ³For I was very glad when fellow believers came and testified to your fidelity to the truth—how you are walking in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth.

3 John 1-4 (CSB)