# **SERIES: NEW LIFE** CAPTIV **OUR THOUGHTS INFLUENCE OUR LIVES**

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**FEACHING NOTE** 

## Colossians 2:13,14 (NLT)

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

We are saved by grace not by works!

#### WE MUST BE ABLE TO DECLARE, DEFEND AND **DEMONSTRATE THE TRUTH!**

# **GROWTH STARTS WITH SETTING OUR HEART AND MIND**

#### Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

#### Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Colossians 3:2 (NIV) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

#### Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts."

#### Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

The power to do it is found in resurrection!

### <u>Practical help to set your heart and mind on things above:</u>

#### Deuteronomy 6:6.7 (NLT)

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

- Begin and end your day with thoughts about God.
- Pray throughout the day that God will give you His perspective on ٠ people, events and circumstances.
- Make God's word (Bible) part of your life every day. •
- Spend time around others who are doing the same thing.

#### **NEXT WEEK: NEW LIFE SERIES PART 2**

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God. Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders. Thank you for joining us!