

Colossians Part 5 HANDOUT

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Col. 3:1-2 1Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

We're not simply focusing on the things we have to get done this week. We're looking forward to the eternal realities.

Acts 2:32-33 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Jesus is at the right hand of God, which means He intercedes for us, has authority, and offers us hope as we persist in following Him.

KEY: We are living in overlapping worlds

COL. 3:3-4 3For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- World is not orbiting me...I'm orbiting the One who is Supreme and Sufficient in everything
- New life is hidden in Christ - I'm in Christ. I am so connected to God that I can never be disconnected from God.

COL. 2:6 6So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him

- Christ isn't just my ticket to Heaven one day, He is the very source of my life!

...**we'll appear with Him in Glory.**

- There is a moment coming where Jesus, the Messiah, God's Son will appear one day. When He does, those of us who are in Christ will be in glory with Him, we'll see Him face to face, in all His radiant majesty!

GARMENT - Paul is talking here how we want us to fight against our old nature.

COL. 3:5-9 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

KEY: Lifestyle of continually remembering the old me is real (that thought I just had, that thing I struggle with), sin is still in our story, but that's not who we are.

COL. 3-10-11 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Putting on the new Garment is a daily attitude of living daily in the Word, understanding how Christ sees us.

COL. 3-12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

I'm not just a sinner saved by grace...Christ says you are: Chosen, Holy, Dearly loved...

COL. 3:13-14 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

- Behavior doesn't change who you are - Jesus changes you and that changes your behavior.

COL. 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

POINT: Since we're alive in Christ, we can take off the old self and put on the new self, which affects our mindset, our actions toward each other, and how we engage in corporate worship.