

# "A NEW REALITY"

**Colossians 3:1a** – Since you have been raised to new life with Christ ...

**A new life = a new belief + a new behavior.**

## 1. **Look to eternity.**

- **Colossians 3:1-4** – Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

## 2. **Leave your past.**

- **Colossians 3:5-10** – So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

## 3. **Live with holiness.**

- **Colossians 3:12-15** – Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

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## Coming Soon:

1. **Honduras 2024:** Please continue to pray for our team as they prepare to leave in three weeks. We will collect supplies and financial support through Sunday, June 2. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.
2. **Drive-In Movie Night:** Join us for refreshments and a movie on Friday, May 31. The parking lot opens at 8pm.
3. **Kids' Super Week: All-the-Days:** Each day will be themed for a different holiday—Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Register at [danriverchurch.org/super](https://danriverchurch.org/super) today.
4. **Baptism Sunday:** Baptism is how we show others our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. It is our first step of following Jesus. If you have never gone public with your decision to follow Jesus, sign up at the Connect Center today. Our next Baptism Sunday is May 26.