

"LOOK UP"

Because Jesus sat down, you can look up.

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV) – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1. Look up to greater purpose.

- Christ was raised and seated.
- We are to seek and to set.
 - Seek to get honest about your sin struggles and move forward with Christ.
 - Set your mind and your mouth on truth, love, grace, unity, and forgiveness.
 - Set and seek to gather with and to encourage one another.
 - Set your mind on thanksgiving; seek to serve Jesus in everything.
- **2 Corinthians 10:5-7** (ESV) – We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

2. Look at greater peace.

- **Colossians 3:17** (ESV) – And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- **2 Timothy 1:7** (NKJV) – For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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3. Look forward to a greater promise.

- Christ will return. It's not a matter of if, but when.
- **Revelation 21:3-6** (ESV) – And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was **seated** on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

Coming soon:

1. **Life Groups:** Make plans now to connect with a Life Group this coming semester. Check out all the details during our Life Group Ministry Fair on August 10 and 17. We're better together!
2. **Connect Class:** If you are ready to find out more about becoming a member at DRC, join us for Connect Class on Sunday, August 17, after the 10:45 am service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Center.
3. **Asking for a Friend:** Join us next Sunday, August 10, for our brand-new sermon series, addressing difficult, often upspoken, questions that everyone has about faith, Christianity, and life. Invite your friends.
4. **DRC Students:** Students in 6th-12th grade, be sure to check out the kickoff to a new year of DRC Students this Wednesday, 6-8 pm. And don't miss the Back-to-School Bash on August 20.