



Series: Is God Enough?

Sermon: Part 5: New Life

Date: Sunday, June 9th, 2024

Since you have been raised to a new life in Christ, set your sights on the realities of Heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. (Colossians 3:1 NLT)

Paul Encourages The Colossians Believers:

1. What the new _____ is

2. _____ into your new life

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. (Colossians 3:1-2)

But first and most importantly seek [aim at, strive after] His Kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also. (Matthew 6:33 AMP)

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ - that's where the action is. See things from His perspective. (Colossians 3:1-2 MSG)

To live this new life we have to purposely and continuously _____ at Jesus and the realities of His Kingdom.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever increasing glory... (2 Corinthians 3:18)

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3 NLT)

Kekruptai (Greek): _____ (Concealment and safety)

Remind yourself and pray out loud: "My 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 of His glory. (Colossians 3:4 NLT)



3. What this new life is _____ about

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your Earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry... You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices. (Colossians 3:5,7-10)

We have to do our part.

It is _____ that God's ways are better than this world's ways. It is _____ that God wants our best and has therefore set some standards to guard our life even when we do not understand them.

All of these do not mean that you are done if you fall into any of these sins again, but that because of your relationship with Jesus, you can receive His forgiveness and turn back to His ways.

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him. (Colossians 3:10 NLT)

He has given us a new life, and there is no other way to fully live into this new life in Christ, but to look constantly at Jesus and emulate Him.

Bottom Line: *We have to look up to Jesus, because He is our New Life.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *What does it look like practically for you to set your heart and mind on things above rather than on Earthly things?*
2. *Ask yourself: In what ways is looking at Jesus part of my daily life and routine?*
3. *How does it make you feel to know that when you follow Jesus, your real life is safe in God, meaning nothing can separate you from the love of God?*

Songs used in service: Hymn of Heaven (Phil Wickham), Run To The Father (Cody Carnes), Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robert Robinson), Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Michael W. Smith), Build My Life (Pat Barrett)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?