

LG Questions

Spring Wk 4



Big Idea: Because Christ has made us new, we should live like we are new.

Read Colossians 3:I-II

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 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 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. II Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

- 1. Paul tells us to “set our HEARTS on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Build a list together of what you believe “things above” would include. Build a second list of what you believe “things of this world” would include. Explain why you classify them as such.***
- 2. Paul says to “set your MINDS on things above.” Do his words feel redundant? What is the difference between setting your HEART on things above and setting your MIND on things above? Why are both important?***
- 3. Paul says “we have been raised with Christ, we have died and been hidden with Christ, and we will appear with Him in glory.” These reminders of our life with Christ set the stage for the command in verse 5. Read verse 5-10. Why is it important we understand our life with Christ before we put to death sins listed in these verses?***
- 4. Which sins and attitudes of the “old self” are most accepted in your circle of influence? What “old self” sins and attitudes in your circle most influence you to hang onto “old self” ways?***

5. *In a passage that primarily focuses on “putting to death” the old self, why do you think Paul pivots to talk about ethnicity, social status, and cultural background? Why is what we think of others who are different from us important to put to death the old self?*

Prayer Time: Spend a moment praying that God would allow you to fully find your identity in Him. Ask Him to rid you of the “old self” and embrace your new kingdom identity.