

Sermon Notes

Heaven-focused Mindset

Colossians 3:1-14

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After dying on a cross, Jesus rose from the dead, was seen alive by hundreds, then ascended to heaven, where He remains.

3:1-4 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died and been raised, and your life is hidden with Christ.

Every day, we are to live this life, as if our heavenly lives are most important to us. We are not to live our lives as if the things that are on earth are the most important to us.

This heaven-focused mindset should impact the ways we behave.

3:5-7 Consider yourself dead to sexual sin. One, this is what people who aren't going to heaven do. Two, you use to do this kind of stuff, but you have a new life.

3:8-11 Put aside all ways of mistreating people, since you laid aside the old self and have put on a new self, who is being renewed to be like Christ.

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We are not supposed to see anybody as being of lower value, which then doesn't give us an excuse to mistreat them.

3:12-14 Put on LOVE.

Show concern for others' struggles.

Seek to do good to others.

Don't think too highly of yourself, thus you won't treat others as beneath you.

Be considerate of how others might think and react.

Suffer with irritations, without blowing up.

Forgive each other, as the Lord forgave you.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

“You have died and your life
is hidden with Christ in God.”

“When Christ, who is our life,
is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with Him in glory.”

- the actions of sexual immorality
- the emotions that come with it
- the desire to do it
- the want to do it more and more

- anger toward people
- anger taken out on people
- mean-spirited actions
- speaking mean to others
- cursing at people
- lying to people