

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Christ Is Your Life

PASSAGE: Colossians 3:1-4

DATE: August 9, 2020

Main Idea: Your position in Christ determines your priorities, shapes your perspective, and empowers your practice.

I. A Resurrected Position (1a, 3-4)

II. An Eternal Priority (v. 1b)

- “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” – Matthew 6:33

Symptoms of misplaced priorities:

- Prayerlessness
- Escapism behavior
- Cohabitation with sin
- Inconsistent commitment to church and God’s people

III. A Heavenly Perspective (v.2)

- “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” – Romans 8:5-6
- “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” – Philippians 4:8
“We never ‘get beyond the gospel’ in our Christian life to something more ‘advanced.’ The gospel is not the first ‘step’ in a ‘stairway’ of truths, rather, it is more like the ‘hub’ in a ‘wheel’ of truth. The gospel is not just the A-B-C’s but the A-Z of Christianity. The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make progress in the kingdom.” – Tim Keller

Three Ways to Develop a Heavenly Perspective

1. Impress the Word onto your heart and your mind
2. Guard your mind from unbiblical and ungodly persuasion
 - “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
3. Take a break from social media, the news, entertainment, etc. for a period of time

Benediction:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:1-2

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. What aspect of your positional location in Christ do you need to regularly remind yourself of?
2. In what way(s) are your priorities eternal? What changes do you need to make?
3. What are some specific ways you can intentionally shape your perspective so that your mind is being set on the things above?