

# 02.21.16 Colossians 3:1-4 PRIMER

Look to the King

Hear the Good News:

*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. (Colossians 3:1-4)*

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*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:1-11 ESV)*

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The Point:

Maturity is found in the daily process of continuously redirecting our thoughts, energy and affections to King Jesus and his kingdom.

Quote:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)

## Embrace the Good News:

1. What was your big takeaway from Sunday's message?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4 and Romans 8:1-11, a similar passage.
3. What does this passage teach about God (his characteristics, his actions, his plan)?
4. What does this passage teach about humanity (our propensities, our needs, our responsibilities)?
5. How do you begin to embrace the teaching of this passage? What does it mean for your life as a follower of Jesus?
6. Practically speaking, why is this passage significant for your development as a follower of Jesus Christ?

## Live the Good News:

1. How does this passage impact the way that you live out the Good News in your home and in your relationships with friends and family?
  - a. Parents: How can you model these truths to your kids and help them to understand these complex concepts?
2. How does it impact the way that you weave the thread of the gospel as you interact with your church family? In our local community? To the ends of the earth?