

A Study Guide to Colossians 3:1-4 (Session 8)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.

2. Read Colossians 3:1-4 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. List the words or phrases that have to do with the cross.
4. List the words or phrases that have to do with the resurrection.

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. Our bodily resurrection is yet to happen some time in the future. How can the Apostle Paul say, “you have been raised with Christ” (v. 1) as if our resurrection is the present reality?
2. What does it mean by “things that are above” and “things that are on earth” (or “earthly things”) (vv. 1-2)?
3. What earthly things are you tempted to set your mind on?
4. What kind of death does it mean when the Apostle Paul says, “you have died” (v. 3)? Why is it important to reflect on our own death?
5. What is the role of daily habits in the formation of your character? How does it relate to “setting your mind” (v.2)?
6. How would you practice setting your mind on Christ during the day?
7. Meditate on the statement, “your life is hidden with Christ in God” (v. 3). How does it give you hope in times of trials and tribulations?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(Colossians 3:1-2 ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.