

# The Raised Life

Colossians 3:1-11

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## Sermon Summary

In Colossians 3:1-11, the sermon emphasizes the contrast between the identity we have in Christ and the world's ideologies. The main theme centers on understanding who Jesus is to know ourselves and fulfill God's purpose. The passage highlights the shift from God's work in salvation (passive voice) to our participation in sanctification (middle voice). The central message is that while salvation is God's work, we play a role in living out our faith. We are set free by Christ's actions but called to actively pursue righteousness and holiness. The sermon underscores the importance of aligning our pursuits with eternal values, prioritizing God's kingdom, and setting our minds on heavenly things. Application points include seeking God's kingdom first, redirecting our pursuits and thoughts towards eternal matters, and recognizing that our true life is hidden in Christ. By focusing on heavenly treasures and aligning our thoughts with God's will, we can live out our faith actively and authentically, reflecting Christ in all we do.

## Sermon Content

The full sermon content is available for download or viewing.

## Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding our identity in Christ contrast with seeking validation or worth from the world or its religious systems? How can this understanding impact the way we live our lives?
2. In what ways can we balance the concept of grace as the freedom that is freely given with the responsibility to actively participate in our sanctification and faith? How can we avoid falling into the trap of legalism or works-based righteousness?
3. What does it mean to seek and set our minds on things above, not on earthly things? How can we practically prioritize eternal pursuits while still fulfilling our responsibilities in this world?
4. How can we cultivate a mindset that is focused on heavenly things and God's eternal plan, amidst the distractions and temptations of the world? What practical steps can we take to guard our thoughts and align them with God's will?
5. Reflecting on the idea that our true life is hidden with Christ in God, how does this truth shape our perspective on earthly pursuits, achievements, and possessions? How can we live in light of our future appearance with Christ in glory?

6. How does the concept of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness resonate with the call to set our minds on things above? How can we practically apply these principles in our daily lives to live out our faith authentically and effectively?

## Additional Resources



### Small Group Guide

Use the discussion questions above to guide your small group conversation.



### Personal Study

Take time to reflect on the questions and write down your thoughts.