

Set Your Heart on Things Above

Word

Scripture Reference

Colossians 3:1-2

Discussion Questions

1. What has been the greatest transformation in your life after you turned over your life to our Lord Jesus Christ? Share with the group.
2. We live in a troubled world, the world that demands conformity. Paul was commending the Colossian Christians for their love for God and good testimony. But false teachers are also influencing them. Paul reminded them that they didn't only die with Christ but rose with Him as well. So they should be thinking of things above not on things of this world. Read Colossians 3:1,2. There are three reasons to set our hearts and minds on things above. First, it is because we have a new life and a new lifestyle. New life is a result of Christ redeeming work. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is true about every person who is in Christ? Does having a new life simply mean turning over a new leaf? What does it really involve? As a Christian, what does it mean to be a new creation?
3. Second, as new creations, we should concentrate on things eternal rather than the temporal (v.1). What was Paul's instruction to the Colossians? Where did he tell them to focus their concerns (v.2)? When everything is going well and you have a good amount of extra money and time, what do you usually think of spending them on? Would it lead you to worldliness or to something with kingdom values? Discuss why setting your minds above provides the antidote to materialism and other worldly pursuits?

4. The third reason why we should set our heart and mind on things above is because that's where Christ reigns (v.1). The Christians' real home is where Christ lives. What do you look forward to in heaven? How does it give you hope as you live your life here on earth? What are the things that you'll no longer go through where Christ reigns?

Walk

Paul is telling the Colossians, and us as well, that it is imperative to change our mindset. Or we will be endangered of heading down the road of worldliness and materialism, and be enslaved to sin. Since we are already born into the family of God, a new creation of God, we ought to be kingdom oriented. How do you think your life would be different if you consistently set your eyes on Christ? What hinders you from setting your heart and mind on things above? Would you ask the Lord to help you change the direction of your life and focus on where He reigns?

Worship & Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us once again that we are a new creation with new life because of Christ's redeeming work. Please forgive us if we have been focusing our hearts and minds on the temporary things of this world rather than on things eternal, for our home is where You live. Help us set our minds on things of eternal value for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.