

Colossians 3:1-17

Discuss: In what ways does our identity/allegiance influence our behaviour?

Recap: What does Paul call the Colossians to do in 2:6-7? Remembering your discussions last time, what does that look like?

Hear from God: Read Colossians 3:1-4

1. What does it mean to be 'raised with Christ'?
2. What might Paul mean by 'things that are above'?
3. What is the link between our identity and how we live that Paul is making in these verses?

Hear from God: Read Colossians 3:5-17

4. What are we to put to death and why?
5. How would we do this practically?
6. Why is it important not to lie as Christians?
7. Why do you think we tend to shy away from behaviour modification passages like this?
8. How are these verses the right implications of 3:1?
9. What would v12-17 look like in our church?

Apply these things to your life

1. There is huge links here between what we believe and how we live. In our society where religion has been privatised, how do we hold out these verses to one another?
2. What would happen if we focused just on behaviour and not identity?
3. What would happen if we focused just on identity and not behaviour?
4. What particular aspects of our behaviour mentioned here challenges you the most? Why?
5. Why is it vital we live our lives as risen with Christ?

PRAYERS

Give great thanks that we are not saved by outward acts, but in Christ.

Give thanks for our identity: raised with Christ.

Pray through the very practical implications from your discussions this evening.

Pray for Rob and Jean, and for all of us, who will feel very unsettled at this time.

Pray for the Argentina team as they fly out