

Sunday 18 October – 2pm

Your New Life is Hidden With Christ in God

Colossians 3:1-4

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Cell Group Notes

1. Your New Life Starts With Being Raised With Christ Bringing a New Direction

Our Christian life begins with resurrection. Our old life, pre-Christ has been permanently crucified with Him. We cannot understand the Christian life without understanding our Christian identity.

The Apostle Paul encourages us to live as someone who has been raised with Christ. In the economy of God, grace always supersedes transformation. We were '*dead in our sin*' and now we are free in Christ. Paul shows us that our new identity is formed and fashioned by Christ, and not the superficial and shallow metrics of the world.

This means we need to review and reflect on who we listen to, take advice from, and find our value in. Christ must be at the epicentre of all our thoughts and actions. With newness of life comes a new direction for our lives; as we begin to embark upon making healthier and holier decisions that reflect God and His desire for our lives. Our minds are often a battlefield. We must choose Christ consistently and conclusively, each day. Why are we told to set our hearts on the things above? Because that is where Jesus is. Inevitably, we must ask ourselves, who or what has captured our heart, because whatever captures our heart, controls us, and directs and determines our lives.

We must pay close attention what we think about and ensure we regularly permission God to transform our minds. His Word can redefine our current worldview. The greatest treasure for a believer is Christ Himself.

2. Your New Life is Secure and Will Be Revealed One Day

Our new life with Christ is secure because it is hidden in Christ. He provides stability and security that the world can never provide. Not all areas of our lives are completely evident and visible – yet. We are going from one degree of glory to another. Our real identity is not defined by what the world can see of us. This means, we must learn to live beyond our feelings and continually reminds ourselves that we have a new life that is secure in Christ.

Christ is your life. He is not a part or portion of your life. He is your life, meaning, that everything pertaining to your life is orientated around him. Everything in your life and ministry is under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. We must discover the power of looking beyond the here and now.

One day Jesus will appear – and the world will all see Him. But you in Christ – will appear with Him in glory. Everything that was previously hidden will be fully revealed. The new life we possess in Christ will be manifested for all to see. Christ is coming!

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you believe that Christ is enough and that you are complete in Christ? If not, why not?
2. Who or what are you currently listening to for decisions and direction in your life?
3. Who or what has captured your heart? Is it Christ?
4. How often do you renew your mind and accept the new direction Christ has for your life?
5. What will you do differently this week because of this sermon?