

Colossians 3:1-4 (10/19/25)

Announcements:

1. **Trunk or Treat!** On October 26th at 4:30p. Make sure you invite friends, neighbors, co-workers for an evening of family friendly fun! We'll grill out, have candy, costumes, a bounce house, and will have a raffle drawing for a Yeti cooler!
 - a. **Groups will arrive at 3:30 to set up their trunks, everyone ready to go by 4:00p!**
1. **New Member Class:** On Nov 16th, from 6-8p. We see membership as committing to a family of believers. If you took Intro to Mercy Hill and are interested in taking the next step toward membership at Mercy Hill. We will discuss the biblical mandate for membership and what that means and of course there will be lots of opportunities to ask questions! Pick up the book in the lobby and read it before class with it read.

Pray - Open the time up in prayer!

Discussion Questions: Observation and Interpretation

For the leaders: Main Idea of Colossians 3:1-4 = Know your status as united with Christ and be heavenly minded.

- Review the [context](#)

Read *Colossians 3:1-4* in 3-4 different translations

1. What questions do you have?
2. How do we live in the status of being raised with Christ? Cf Rom 6:1-14
3. In v. 1, what is the significance of Christ being "seated at the right hand of God"? Cf. Heb 10:11-12
 - a. For the Leaders: Jesus is the better priest - in the OT the priest never DARED to sit in God's presence because his work was never finished, another sacrifice needed to be made. Jesus can sit down because His work is complete.
4. How do past realities (ex: you have been raised with Christ") and future realities (ex: Christ will appear) influence present decisions according to vv. 1-2?
5. What are the "things above" that Paul refers to in vv. 1-2 and how do we seek those things? (Phil 3:7-10)
6. What 2 major areas of our life are affected by being "heavenly minded"?
7. What does Paul not want the Colossians to have their mind set on? What does this mean in a practical sense?
8. What does it mean that our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" in v.3?
9. How does Paul describe the Christian's life with Christ in God? What does this mean for those who follow Jesus?
10. How does Paul describe the mindset we are to have in verses 1-4? How do we practically maintain this mindset daily? (See Romans 8:5-8 and Philippians 3:15-19)

11. **Group Application:** What is the practical implication of being established in Christ for daily life? What are some ways that good discipline and stability of faith are displayed in the Christian life?

Application Questions:

1. What are you seeking? What are you living for? What do you give value to? Where are you finding your identity? Are you submitting your thoughts and desires to God?
2. What attitudes or actions in your life need to be put to death so that you can better maintain a mindset on eternity?
3. What evidence of being “raised with Christ” and living in Christ’s resurrection do you see in your own life? In those around you?
 - a. For the Leaders: Spend time encouraging each other as “saints”