



Week 1: Raised with Christ!

February 26th 2023

† The goal of faith

There are things that are *true of us* In Christ

That we will not *experience* as truth (as our reality)

Until we *believe* they are true

And *choose* to live in the good of that truth

(David Kuykendall, 'Here's Life!')

† Raised with Christ

Colossians 3:1, Ephesians 2:6

† Setting and fixing

Colossians 3:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Hebrews 12:1-3

† You died! Okay... but what does that mean?
Colossians 3:3a, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:5-8

† Hidden
Colossians 3:3b

† Real life
Colossians 3:1, Isaiah 40:27-31

Questions for reflection and discussion

- How did Pastor Ethan contrast the ‘Christian culture’ view of faith with the New Testament description of faith? Do you agree? What does this look like in your own story?
- We tend to think of ‘our resurrection’ as a future event, when Christ returns- and of course that is true. However, we saw today scripture that says we have already been ‘raised with Christ.’ What does this mean, and what are the practical outworking’s of this in life right now? Think of a challenging situation from your story- in that circumstance, what would it mean for you to truly believe you are *already* ‘raised’ and ‘seated’ with Christ in heaven?
- Read Colossians 3:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:18, and Hebrews 12:1-3. What does it look like for you to ‘set your mind’ and ‘fix your eyes’ upon the reality of who you are In Christ, and Christ’s presence as your source of life? Can you think of an example where this perspective changed things in your personal story?
- What might be the difference in emphasis between ‘setting our heart’ and ‘setting our mind’ that we see in verses 1&2?
- Read Colossians 3:3a, Galatians 2:20, and Romans 6:5-8. What does it mean that you ‘died with Christ?’ What is no longer true of you- from what have you been freed- because of this truth?
- What does it mean that our true life is ‘hidden’ with Christ? Contrast this with ‘external’ and visible sources of life and identity.
- What does it mean- practically in daily life- that Christ is our life? How do we see this truth reflected in Isaiah 40:27-31?

Next Sunday: Colossians Part 4, Week 2: Killing the zombie- Colossians 3:5-9
