

Colossians 3:1-4

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I. Introduction.

A. The primary theme is the exultation of Jesus Christ. Whether things are going well or bad, Jesus Christ deserves praise. The book was written for doctrine and daily life in Christ. (Colossians 1:9-10)

B. Text: Colossians 3:1-4.

II. Why set our minds on what is above instead of earthly things?

A. A Christ-less eternity is the greatest tragedy. (Matthew 6:33, Mark 8:34)

B. Every minute you decide to set your mind on heavenly things you will rejoice. (Mark 8:37)

C. Faith needs no precedent—the disciples forsook all to follow Jesus. (Luke 5:1)

D. Peter was used greatly by God because he set his affections on heaven and chose to follow Jesus. (Mark 10:21)

E. The way to bring Christ to a nation is for every Christian in that nation to submit to Christ on a daily basis.

F. If you are going to use your life to save others, you cannot save yourself. (Mark 15:31, Luke 23:36-37, Matthew 27:44, Mark 15:29-30, Romans 12:1-2)

VII. Conclusion.

A. We should live for Christ because our life is but a vapor—live will be short, but it does not have to be little. (James 4:14)

B. You should not give your life to what will burn. (2 Peter 3:10)

C. Anything you do for Jesus Christ will not be in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Application questions

1. What does it look like to set one's mind on heavenly things?

2. What reason for setting your mind on earthly things do you find most convincing? Why?

3. Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58 and write it below. What verse does this have to do with the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
