

COLOSSIANS

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Review of Background

- Occasion: False teachers have promised ritual ways to experience God’s presence and blessing (mysticism/legalism). Paul’s correction in the letter is that those who have trusted in Jesus can already experience the fullness of God’s presence through what has been provided already for the believer in Jesus.
- Theme verse: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:9-10)
- Theme of the Class: Life in our Supreme & Sufficient Savior

Class Outline

- Part 1: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Thinking (1-3:4)
- Part 2: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Living (3:5-4:6)

Lesson 8 – Colossians 3:1-4

Live alive in Jesus!

1. Focus your life on Jesus (1).
2. Fix your mind on Jesus (2-4).

Application

Where is your focus? Are you focusing on heavenly things because that's where your new life exists and where your risen Lord is? Or has something distracted you?

- Common distractions (not sinful things but not the best primary focus). When you have spare money, what's the first thing that comes to mind in using it? When you have spare time, what's your first thought for filling it? When you choose a book to read, what are you hoping to get out of it? When you do a "good deed," what's your motivation?

Yet, when our focus is on Jesus, we can take temporal, earthly, mundane things and use them for Jesus. Consider the things, events, and activities in your life. Are they a part of, helping, and supporting your focus on heavenly things? Or, do they distract, hinder, and blur your focus on the Lord Jesus?

Work at thinking Jesus and the life you have in Him. Use the mundane stuff of life to direct your thoughts to Him. Fix your mind.

When your mind goes to stuff, things, possessions that you wish you had, or that broke recently, or need to be fixed or replaced, or cost a lot of money, fix your mind on the glories of Jesus Christ in heaven, your home. Where nothing rusts, or breaks, or falls apart. But even greater, where it will be your joy to focus on Him, and not on things. Where the things around you today, will have passed away.