Spring Valley Baptist Church

# Colossians: Living Daily For Jesus

Colossians 1 – The supremacy of Jesus
- •He is the image of God.
- •He is the firstborn over all creation (has authority).
- •He is the creator of all things.
- •He is the sustainer of all things.
- •He is the Head of the church.
- •He is the first among the resurrected from the dead.
- •He is supreme over everything.

The Two Parts of Colossians

Chapters 1-2 are doctrinal (set of beliefs)
- •The supremacy of Christ

Chapters 3-4 are practical (how to live based on what you believe)
- •Submission to Christ

Colossians 3:1-11 - Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. **2** Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. **3** For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

**5** So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. **6** Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. **7** You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. **8** But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. **9** Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. **10** Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. **11** In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

Galatians 2:20 - My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Our Motivation For Godly Living

**The reward of heaven**

Colossians 3:1-2 - Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your minds on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. **2** Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

To set one's mind on something is to choose to think about it, influencing one's goals and guiding one's course of action.

## Living For Jesus In Three Areas Of Life

**• Practice sexual purity**

Colossians 3:5 - Put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires.

Job 31:1, 4 - I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman. Doesn't He (God) see everything I do and every step I take?

Psalm 101:1-3 - I will sing of your love and justice, Lord. I will praise you with songs. **2** I will be careful to live a blameless life—when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. **3** I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar.

**• Be grateful for what I have**

Colossians 3:5 - Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Luke 12:15 - Jesus said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

1 Timothy 6:9-10 - People who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

**• Use my words wisely**

Colossians 3:8-9 - Now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. **9** Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

James 1:26 - If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

Psalm 141:3 - Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Proverbs 10:19 - Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.