Made Alive In Christ

Gerry Sandusky · Colossians 3:1–11 · Series: **When Christ Is All**

INTRODUCTION

- These letters that Paul wrote, many times they'll spend two or three chapters talking about the principles of our salvation and doctrinal facts about what has happened to give us this great salvation, and then there's some response to that.
- What should we do in response? How should we respond? What should happen?
- We are alive in Christ, and we are dead without him.

1 Seek Those Things Which Are Above

Colossians 3:1; 1 Peter 1:15

- We're talking about our mind, first of all. We're talking about our head, the way we think about things.
- To get your mind off of this crazy world you live in and take it up above and go into the throne room of Christ and park your mind there.
- Roll the sleeves of your mind up. Get your mind set and seek those things which are above.

2 Set Your Affections on Things Above

Colossians 3:2

- Set your affections or your mind or your heart on things above and not on things on the earth.
- You can't number all the problems of life. You can't solve all the problems of life.
- Set your mind on things above. Because if you set them on what's down here, it will drive you crazy.

3 Your Life Is Hid With Christ in God

Colossians 3:3–4; Ephesians 2

- We're trying to let Christ be seen. We're not trying to magnify ourselves and make a big name for ourselves.
- We're trying to get people to see Jesus. I'm trying to hide behind Jesus.
- The reason why we should set our mind on things above and seek what is above us is because we're dead and our life is hidden with Christ in God.
- You're taking the final exam today. The judgment day is just going to be the verdict.

4 Mortify Your Members Which Are Upon the Earth

Colossians 3:5–7; 1 Thessalonians 4

- Mortify, that means put to death. Mortify, therefore, your members, which are upon the earth. Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil concupiscence, covetousness, which is idolatry.
- It's the will of God that we be sanctified and we not commit fornication.
- Make a covenant with your eyes, as Job said, and don't look on a woman to lust after.

- Whatever you put before God is like idolatry. Don't let anything in the world take precedence in your mind where you chase after and bow down and serve something other than God.
- Everybody steps off the road somewhere. You step off the road, and what do you do? You get back on the road.

5 Put Off All These; Put On the New Man

Colossians 3:8–10; 1 Peter 3:21

- Now ye also put off all these. Put off all this anger, wrath, malice.
- Keep it under control. Don't just blow up because things don't go the way you want.
- We're members of a body together. We're members of one another. Why would we lie to each other?
- Have put on the new man. Now listen to this, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.
- Don't try to be like old Gary Sandusky. You try to be like Jesus. You look at him. You be what he was.

6 Neither Greek Nor Jew: No Distinctions

Colossians 3:11

- Every person that comes in here, no matter how different they are from you, we are all priest of God.
- There's no Jew, there's no Greek, no country boy, no city boy, no boy from the south, no boy from the north.
- There's no distinction, good people. None to be found among us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It's going to be a rough road. Get up on the highway. And do whatever it takes. Let Christ be all. And let Christ be in all you do and all you think.**

MY NOTES