



Lesson #1: Your Heart (Colossians 3:1-4)

The book of Colossians could be divided into two main parts.

1. Part 1 – “_____ out the sufficiency of Christ” (Ch. 1-2)
2. Part 2 – “_____ our the sufficiency of Christ” (Ch. 3-4)

While there are certainly some practical applications to be made from chapters 1-2, we will discover that chapters 3-4 are rich in daily implications. Hinging on the Greek word translated in 3:1 as “_____” or “_____,” Paul begins to build applicational points off the doctrinal foundation he laid in chapters 1 and 2. Paul’s point is reiterated throughout these two important chapters: **The sufficiency of Christ should move from the real of _____ into our daily _____.**

Just because you may know the truth doesn’t mean that you are willing to live the truth. Paul’s convicting applications in Colossians 3-4 are for youth groups just like ours. It’s time that you _____ your faith! This morning, we are going to look at just the first part of that application in Colossians 3-4. You must live out Christ’s sufficiency in your personal life, namely your _____. Colossians 3:1-4 can be summarized with one exhortation: “Wrap your heart up in Jesus Christ!” To help us do this, Paul addresses three glorious realities that believers experience “in Christ.”

YOU MUST REMEMBER YOUR _____ IN CHRIST (3:1a, 3)

In our new position with Christ in death and resurrection, we have both “newness of life” and “dead(ness) to sin.”

A. You are _____ in Christ (v. 1a)

In a culture that encourages “you to be you” the Bible demands that “you become more like _____.” Paul wants his readers to concentrate on standing against the earthly things of the false teaching. “Since you are risen with Christ” you don’t have to live according to the _____ of the _____.

B. You are _____ to sin (v. 3)

Paul tells his readers that they have died. Not physically, of course, but _____. We are called to live a life for Christ because we have killed off the life lived apart from Christ. We are all wrapped up with Jesus in our position, that’s what we must daily remember in order for our hearts to be likewise enveloped.

YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR _____ FOR CHRIST (3:1b-2)

This second point naturally flows out of the first – if I’m already wrapped up in Jesus (in identity), then I should stay wrapped up in Jesus by maintaining that importance. This should be top priority for me!

A. You must be _____ oriented

Paul twice tells us to focus on “the things _____” (v. 1-2) and he clarifies what he means by contrasting it with “the things on _____” (v. 3). The believer is to prioritize – focus on, orient himself around, be attuned to – heavenly things, because that’s where His supreme, sufficient _____ is, “seated at the right hand of God.”

B. You must be _____ oriented

Paul uses two present active imperatives that stress continuing action to compel us to wrap our priorities up in Jesus Christ.

- “Keep seeking ... [the things above]” (v. 1)
- “Keep thinking about ... [the things above]” (v. 2)

That word “seek” in verse 1 carries the idea of a search of pursuit which encompasses your affections, your _____, and your _____.

YOU MUST ANTICIPATE CHRIST’S _____ RETURN (3:4)

Paul ends on a triumphant cord. He summarizes the first two points with a beautiful phrase – “Christ, who is your _____” – and then highlights the believer’s prospect with the rest of the verse – “you also appear with Him in glory.”

A. A _____ has been made (v. 3)

We have been reminded again in this passage that we have died to sin and to the influence of the world. This death has been made possible because of the death of _____ on our behalf.

B. A _____ has been secured (v. 4)

Right now, the world cannot see that we are “seated with Christ in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6); it cannot perceive that “our life is hid with Christ in God” (v. 3). But, in the future, God will pull back the curtain on our lives so that the universe will see what _____ has done for us! Since Jesus is our life, He is also our _____.

Concluding Thoughts

I understand that I am speaking to a group of people who *know* this stuff. For many of you this has been the doctrine you were taught since a young age. But the sufficiency of Christ will have no impact until it takes root in your _____ first. Sanctification will be _____, service will be _____, and evangelism will be _____ until our hearts are all wrapped up in Jesus Christ.