



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Colossians – Setting Our Minds on Things Above

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Colossians 3: 1-4

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your^{al} life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we will be in week 5 of our series through the book of Colossians. Pastor Rich will be preaching through various verses in Chapter 3, focusing on what it means to have our minds "set on things above." This sermon will help us understand what being "raised with Christ" means in our day-to-day lives.

Sermon Questions:

1. Sociologists say we live in an attention economy. Name some of the different things that are pulling at our attention and can keep us in a state of distraction.
2. Pastor Rich shared that we have two major temptations when it comes to our attention: 1) living in a state of partial attention and 2) fixating our minds on values and things that are not in alignment with the kingdom of God. Which temptation is strongest for you right now and why?
3. The New Testament implores us to "set our mind" 26 times and in Colossians 3:3 it says, "set your mind on things above." What do you think it means and looks like to set your mind on things above?
4. Paul uses resurrection language in this passage to say we are "raised with Christ." Pastor Rich emphasized that Christianity is about God making dead people come alive. In what area of your life do you need that resurrection hope that you are raised with Christ and that God can make the dead things come alive?
5. Take time to pray that God will help you to set your mind on him. Meditate on Psalm 27:4-5 and let it become your prayer.