

November 20, 2016

Series: Grace

Sermon Title: *Long term Mindset*

Key Verse:

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on *THINGS ABOVE*, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on *THINGS ABOVE*, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When *CHRIST*, who *IS* your *LIFE*, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Key:

Eternal treasures over temporary pleasures

What has your PASSION?

Colossians 3:1 (NIV) ¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, *SET YOUR HEARTS* on things *ABOVE*, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²*FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS*, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) ³³But *SEEK FIRST* his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

What has your FOCUS?

Colossians 3:2 (NIV) ²*SET YOUR MINDS* on things *ABOVE*, not on earthly things.

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Philippians 4:8 (NIV) ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—***THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.***

Matthew 16:23 (NIV) ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not ***HAVE IN MIND THE CONCERNS OF GOD,*** but merely human concerns.”

What has your HOPE?

Colossians 3:3 (NIV) ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear ***WITH HIM IN GLORY.***

1 Peter 1:13 (NIV) ¹³Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, ***SET YOUR HOPE*** on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

Philippians 3:20 (NIV) ²⁰Citizenship location But our ***CITIZENSHIP*** is ***IN HEAVEN.*** And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Matthew 6:20 (NIV) ²⁰But store up for yourselves ***TREASURES IN HEAVEN,*** where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Challenge Questions:

Will you pray for God to give you the right desires in your heart this week?

Write down five words you most want to describe your life...

What stories illustrate those desired descriptions?

How can you put more of your hope in Christ?

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