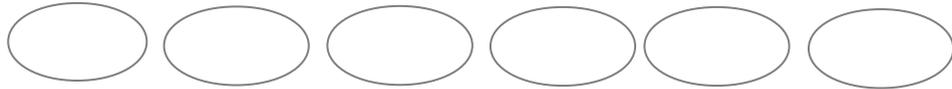


Equipped 9 - All of life – Colossians 3:1-4:6

20th June 2021

Introduction



“In which of these areas does God / my faith have a part to play?”

Our new life in Christ (Colossians 3:1-4)

You have been raised...

- > “In Christ” / “w___ Christ” (eg 2:6, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12, 2:13).
- > What is true of Christ is t___ of us who have faith. Died (verse 3); been raised (verses 1-4 – see also Ephesians 2:6). Baptism.
- > Where is our life now? Verses 3-4 – Christ is our l____. Gal 2:20.
- > We are a n__ creation – have a new i____. Verse 12.

...So fix your eyes on things above

- > We're set our h_____ and minds on things above. (Verses 1-2). Heavenly Christ-centred priorities rather than earthly self-c_____ priorities. For our g____ and blessing. “Second half of the gospel”.

How it affects every area of life (Colossians 3:5-4:6)

Personal character and godliness (3:5-11)

- > Reinforcing our n__ identity. (verses 7, 9-10)
- > Look at the consequences of the old w__ of life (verse 6)
- > So how should we l____? (verse 5)
“If you are fighting sin, you are spiritually alive.” Good n_____.

> Think and Pray: Are there particular temptations you struggle with? Ask God daily to help you put them to death.

> In service: Relationship with God and Character is essential.

Church life (3:12-17)

- > Focus on relationships.
- > Church – must be a place of safety.

Family life (3:18-21)

- > Our f_____ should impact on how we relate to each other at home.

> Single – 1 Corinthians 7. Being family to o_____.

Work (3:22-4:1)

- > Paul's attitude to slaves – see sermon referred to below.
- > We all have to w____ - so these verses apply.
- > Verses 23 - “whatever...” Blessing and curse in work.

Serving under authority (cf Romans 13:1-7, Hebrews 13:17)

Relating to the community (and prayer!) (4:2-6)

- > Pray for the community / an open door for the gospel.
- > How we speak (verses 5-6).

Free time (and everything else) (3:17)

- > “Whatever you do.” In the n_____ of the Lord Jesus / giving thanks.

Thinking it through / Applying to ourselves

> Remember who you are

> Christian service relates to all of life

Taking it further

Books

Thank God it's Monday – Mark Greene (about work)

Sermons

Listen at www.anlabychurches.org.uk Go to Resources / Listen again:

Christian Marriage - 19th March 2017 (Ephesians series)

Marriage and singleness - 5th and 12th May 2019 (1 Corinthians series)

Workers, Parents, Children and Bosses - 26th March 2017 (Ephesians series)

To reflect on / think about

> “Since we have been raised with Christ” - What does this mean? What difference does it make?

> Go through each section again. Is there a particular verse / attitude / action you need to pray about and put into practice in the week ahead?

> Is there a part of your life where you're not consistently living as someone who has new life in Christ?