



The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians



Being Heavenly Minded

Col. 3:1-4

January 27th, 2020

Colossian Heresy

1. Only that which is spiritual is good, matter was evil (1:15-20)
2. One must follow ceremonials, rituals, and restrictions in order to be saved or perfected (2:11,16-23; 3:11)
3. One must deny the body and live in strict asceticism (2:20-23)
4. Angels are to be worshipped (2:18)
5. Christ could not be both human and divine (1:15-20; 2:2,3)
6. One must obtain secret knowledge in order to be saved or perfected and this secret knowledge was not available to all (2:2, 18)
7. It is better to combine aspects of several religions (2:10)

Being Heavenly Minded

1. Remember Our Present State

- Our Condition
 - We have been raised with Christ (v. 1a)
- Our Response (vv. 1b-2)
 - **Seek** the things above (1b)
 - **Remember** the position that Christ occupies (1c)
 - **Set your mind** on the things above (2)

What it means to be Heavenly Minded

1. Live as citizens of the world to come (Phil. 3:20)
2. Exercise true humility (1 Pet. 5:6; Phil. 2:3-11; Jam. 4:10)
3. Be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9)
4. Be busy evangelizing and making disciples (Matt. 28:19-20)
5. Hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt. 5:6)
6. Be mindful of our true citizenship (Phil. 3:20)
7. Make it your aim to live holy lives (1 Pet. 1:15-17)
8. Love others, even those who are our enemies (Matt. 5:44)
9. Recognize the temporary nature of the present world (Col. 2:16-23)

Being Heavenly Minded

1. Remember Our Present State (1-2)

- We have been raised with Christ

2. Remember Our Past State (3)

- We have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God

3. Remember Our Future State (4)

- We will one day be revealed with Christ in glory

Responding to the Text

Evaluate your weekly schedule in light of what you have learned today.

Group Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be **raised** with Christ? What does it mean to have **died** with Christ?
2. How is seeking the things above and setting your mind on things above **connected with your position** (raised, dead) in Christ?
3. What are the **hindrances** in 'seeking and setting your mind on things above' and what are some **spiritual disciplines** that helped you in accomplishing this?