

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Intimacy > Idolatry Colossians 3:1–11 Speaker: Nick Berard

THIS WEEK:

Study these verses on seeking God: 1 Chronicles	16:11
1 Chronicles 22:19, Acts 17:27, Hebrews 11:6, James	4:8,
Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 6:33, Luke 11:9–10	

- Study these verses on the mind: Matthew 22:36–37, Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8, Ephesians 4:22–23, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Romans 1:28
- Come to the Prayer and Worship Night "Seek" this Tuesday, September 3.

DISCUSSION

Pray: That God would reveal, to you, any idols or specific sins in your life as you work through this passage.

Seek the things that are above...Christ - v. 1

- Read Colossians 3:1 and Psalm 110:1. What personal significance do you find in the phrase "seated at the right hand?"
- How well do you live out Matthew 6:33? What does "living out" Colossians 3:1 and Matthew 6:33 look like for you on a daily basis? How do you place Christ first?
- Set our minds on things that are above. v. 2
- What do you find yourself thinking about the most? Make a list. Be honest. Label them as "A" = things Above or "E" = things of Earth. What adjustments do you need to pray through to change where your thoughts land. If you had a scale, what category would be greater?
- Is it possible to set our minds, completely, on things above?

Put to death what is earthly. - vv. 5-9

- Make a list of what Paul tells us to "put to death". Is your weakness on that list? If not, add it. How about idols? What are the idols in YOUR life? Pray that God will reveal your weakness(es) and idols to you. Take time, now, to pray against these sins and idols in your life.
- Acknowledgment of sin is only a start. How do you REALLY put specific sins and idolatry "to death"?
- What can we learn about God's nature in verses 5–9?

Renewal of our minds. - v. 10

- In order to put sin and idolatry 'to death' and renew our minds, we must learn to HATE SIN! How can we learn to put sin to death and learn to HATE SIN?
- How does this verse show God's redemptive love?

Christ is all. - v 11

- Colossians 3:11 says it all...Christ. Is. All!! For all! PERIOD! Race doesn't matter. Economic status doesn't matter. Background doesn't matter, etc. How well do you reflect the character of God in the way you treat those around me who are different than you? What holds you back from extending grace and love to those and sharing the truth of the Gospel message to those who are "different than me?" Challenge city!
- Pray that God will open your eyes to those who are different than you and that you will love them well!
- Who can you share the Gospel with this week?

Apply:

- 1. Memorize Romans 12:2 and Matthew 6:33.
- 2. Pray that you will learn to HATE (put to death) sin/idols and things of this earth.