

Dig Deeper into Colossians 3:1-11 for personal study and lifegroups...

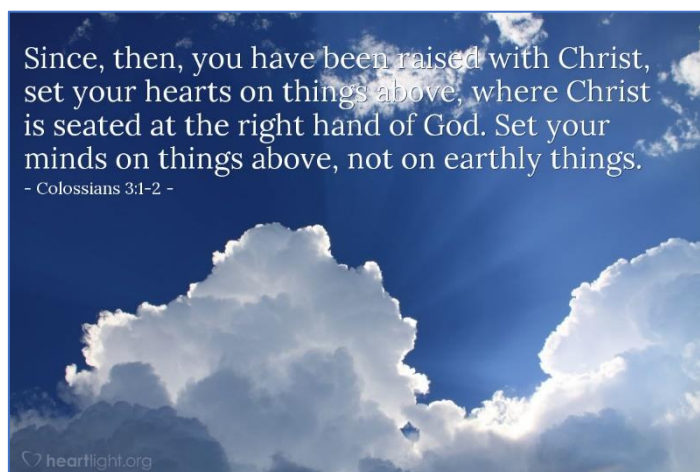


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Diego's Talk summary:

What are your goals in life? As we move from the theological to the practical section of the book, this section resets our mindset to be focused on Jesus. **1) Focus on the heavenly dimension of reality v1-2.** Live a Christ-centred life. Focus on where Jesus is. **2) On what basis? v3-4** For you died. Our Union with Christ means that we are already liberated from all that can harm us. Our identity is in Christ, not in our looks, social media, success, so these things can't define us. Put to death the old life. Like Copernicus discovered: the solar system revolves around the Sun. Life revolves around Jesus.

A few questions to dig deeper into the passage and its meaning and application...

1. What does it mean practically to "set your hearts" (v1) and "your minds" (v2) on things above? Why is it so important?
2. "If I died and got to heaven and found Christ were not there I would leave. Heaven would be hell if Christ were not there"- [Thomas Goodwin](#) (1600-1680). Just think for a moment about being "where Christ is"- why would that be so good? How does this challenge your view of heaven?
3. "A double rampart all divine". How does v3 explain this? What makes you feel insecure in life, and what spiritual realities from Colossians do you need to remember to be encouraged? How can we remind each other of these things?
4. "Christ's interests/ambitions should be our ambitions". How do we go about making sure they are? What might that mean for you in the lockdown?

Final quote to think about...

- *"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last", [CT Studd](#).*

Resources...

- [Here](#) is a book in old English by puritan Thomas Goodwin "The Heart of Christ towards sinners on earth". Old language but rich theology. More on Goodwin [here](#).
- Here is a modern book on the same theme. [Gentle and Lowly- Zane Ortland](#). Good friend, Rich Alldrift reckons it will become a Christian classic alongside Knowing God.
- [Quote](#) by CS Lewis on being "heavenly minded" and of "earthly good".

