



THE IDEAL SECURITY

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 | BOB WADE
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NOTES:

1. Jesus has changed our **past**. (vs. 1)

Ephesians 1:3-4
Galatians 2:20

2. Jesus' plan for the **present** (vs. 1-3)

Matthew 6:33
Galatians 1:4
1 John 5:4-5
Ephesians 2:5-6
1 Thessalonians 5:9

3. Our **future** in Christ (vs. 4)

Romans 8:38-39
Isaiah 43:2
2 Corinthians 5:8
Revelation 21:4
2 Corinthians 5:1
John 14:1-3
Philippians 1:21
Psalms 16:11

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Recap from last week's sermon:

1. Last week we looked at three false gospels that the church in the book of Colossians faced that we still see in the church today:
 1. The false Gospel of Legalism (Jesus+Rules)
 2. The false Gospel of Mysticism (Jesus+Spiritual Experiences)
 3. The false Gospel of Asceticism (Jesus+Self Denial).

Did you have to face any of these false gospels last week?

This Week's Sermon:

1. What's one thing that you tend to focus on during the week without even trying to think about it? How does it become a natural thing for you to think about?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Take time to pray asking for the Holy Spirit's help you understand and apply God's word to your life.
3. Read Colossians 3:1-4 once more. What jumps out to you most about the passage?
4. Colossians 3:1 reveals that we have been raised with Christ through His actions and not our own. We should thank and praise Him because He accomplished what we couldn't. What is one way we can daily be thankful to God for His grace?
5. In verses 1-3 we are given two opposing options for the direction for our eyes: above towards heaven or below to earth. Where do your eyes tend to go: up or down?
6. Read Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:8, and Romans 8:5-6. Discuss what it means for us to set our minds on things above. How can you keep your heart and your mind turned towards Jesus?
7. We are commanded to set our minds on things that are above and not the things that are on earth. This is "easier said than done". Why is this our experience?
8. When a good thing becomes a "god" thing it becomes a bad thing. What's the line between enjoying the blessings that God has provided in your life and being consumed by it to the point that it becomes a little "god"?
9. Read Hebrews 9:28 and Hebrews 12:1-2. Paul turns the focus of the Colossians to the future in Colossians 3:4. How does turning our attention to the future glory of Christ help us focus on Him today?

Application:

1. What is one specific thing you can apply to your life as a result of our time reflecting on Gods Word?