



“2024: Understand The Assignment”

Standalone Message, Part 1 of 1

Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

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Text: Colossians 3:1-2

Colossians 3:1 (ESV), "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

- **If then you have been raised with Christ**
- **Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God**

1 Peter 3:22 (CSB), "Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him."

Matthew 6:33 (ESV), "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:10 (ESV), "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Colossians 3:2 (ESV), "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

- **Do not set your minds on things that are on earth**

Colossians 3:5 (ESV), "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

2 Timothy 2:3-4 (ESV), "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."

Luke 8:14 (ESV), "And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature."

Luke 21:34 (ESV), “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.”

- **Set your minds on the things that are above**

Colossians 2:18-19 (ESV), “Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.”

Colossians 1:15-18a (NLT), “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.”

1. **Remember Jesus**

2 Timothy 2:8a (ESV), “**Remember Jesus Christ**, risen from the dead, the offspring of David,”

Hebrews 12:1-2a (NET), “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we must get rid of every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and run with endurance the race set out for us, **keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”

2. **Read and re-read His biography**

John 5:39 (NLT), “You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!”