

## Colossians: The Good Life vs. The God Life

Colossians 3:1-4

The goal

Colossians 2:23; Colossians 3:1-4;

Mindset and motivation

Colossians 3:1-2

Jesus was raised . . .

Colossians 3:1

into a new existence.

into a new experience.

Seeing heaven and living here

Colossians 3:3-4; Galatians 6:14

The challenge

Colossians 3:4

### Considerations for the week

***Raised with Christ, v. 1.*** Review the concept of dying to the world (Colossians 2:20-23). What does it mean to be raised with Christ?

***Keep seeking, v. 1.*** Explore how one might seek the things above. The Greek verb used here for “seek” (*Zēteō*) includes the notion of continuing to seek. How is this helpful for us in living as those raised with Christ?

***Things above, v. 2.*** Speculate upon why we are instructed to see heaven while living here. What sort of relationship with our God is needed for this? Consider how we can do this and maintain the required focus.

***Not on earth, v. 2.*** We struggle to avoid earthly thoughts. Distinguish the effect of focusing on earthly thoughts in attempting to eliminate them and the effect of focusing on heavenly thoughts to the exclusion of the earthly. See the verses following today’s text.

***Hidden with Christ, v. 3.*** This implies intimacy with Christ. How is intimacy provided? How intimate can we get?

***Christ your life, v. 4.*** Notice that this says not that Christ is *in* your life but rather that Christ *is* your life. Distinguish between these. Is Christ your life?

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

– Colossians 3:3-4, ESV

Scripture read today  
during worship:

Matthew 23:23

### Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

**Rice Temple Baptist Church**

## Today's order of service

Prelude, *As the Deer*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Greeting one another

Hymn, *Shine, Jesus Shine*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Build My Life*

Hymn, *The Jesus Way*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *As for Me and My House*

Message

Hymn of response 349, *Trust and Obey*

Benediction

Postlude, *We Bow Down*

## Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Japanese style  
chicken nuggets, broccoli, pasta, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational  
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells  
Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am  
Meets next week, April 19

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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## Redeeming the Realities of Marriage

*Three sessions will be held here:*

Saturday, May 3, 9am - 3pm — Friday, May 9, 7-9:30 pm

Saturday, May 10, 9am - 3pm