

“Living Above It All”
Colossians 3:1-4

I. Seeking things above, not things below...

A. What was Paul talking about by “below” and “things on the earth”?

1. The “below” things were those fallen angels who had now been subjected to Christ.
2. The “things on earth” were those legalistic practices that focused on bodies and food.

Philippians 3:18–19 - ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

B. It’s Christ who is above.

1. Setting our mind on things above means to center our lives on Jesus.
2. It’s to adopt, and live out, His heavenly perspective on everything in this world and in our lives.

II. Hoping in things above, not things below...

A. Remember that our lives are hidden, kept safe, in Christ.

Psalm 27:5 - For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

B. Remember that because we are hidden and preserved in Christ, we’re not missing out on anything legalism would claim to offer us.

1. Not forgiveness...
2. Not spiritual resources...
3. Not glorified transformation...

1 John 3:2–3 - ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.