



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Series- The Mind of the Spirit

Bible Reading- Colossians 3:1-17

Date- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

### **Set your mind on things above!**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Col. 3:1-4)*

**1. Set your mind on things above (3:1-4)**

**2. The mind set on things above will put off and put on (3:5-14)**

**3. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (3:15-17)**

## A. Text based Questions

1. Read Col. 3:1-4. Summarize in your own words what Paul is saying here.
2. Read Col 3:5-11. How do you think this section relates to vs 1-4? How does the mind set on things above aid the Christian and empower them in the work of putting off these vices? Why is the mind set on things above important in the fight against sin?
3. Read Col 3:12-14. What is our God given identity in Christ, according to Paul in these verses?
4. Read Col 3:15-17. What “mindsets,” does this section call the Christian to embrace and how is the Christian to feed the mind of the Spirit according to this section of scripture?

## B. Meditation & Application

5. My conviction is that Col 3:5-17 is the unpacking of verse 1-4. Do you agree? What role in your battle with sin and quest for righteousness does the mindset of verse 1-4 point toward? According to the whole section, how can you set your mind on things above?
6. What role does a new identity in Christ, a new heavenly mindset have in building a foundation for a holy life?
7. Missional assignment; Read this chapter daily this week- perhaps in different versions and pray for God to give you a heavenly mindset that helps you to put off and put on according to your new identity. Pray for someone you love to have a revelation of the heavenly mindset and to become so immersed in their in Christ identity that they become more and more holy. Journal about what it means to you that Christ reigns over all.

Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father, Thankyou for sending Christ and giving us your Spirit. We praise you for his redemptive death, his victorious resurrection and his triumphant ascent to the throne. Give us the Spiritual eyes to see that Jesus is king and help us to live our lives with that reality as our true north. Carve off those things that mar the image of God in us and help us to put on those things that contribute to the reality of Christ in us. We pray these things in Jesus name- Amen.