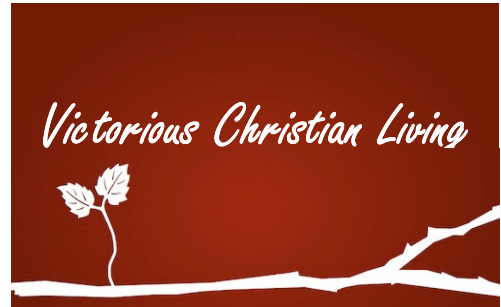


Living Connections Bible Study

Hidden in Christ, part 2



Prayer

Text: Colossians 3:1-17

Icebreaker: What evidences can you share that your life has changed in positive ways since you put your trust in Christ and became a Christian?

1. How does baptism symbolize the new believer's identification with Christ? Romans 6:3-5

2. Since God sees us as having been raised with Christ, how do we demonstrate this reality in our lives according to Colossians 3:1-2?

3. As Christians we cannot crucify ourselves. This was accomplished through the cross. So how do we appropriate Christ's death as our own and die to fleshly desires, temptation and sin each day?
Romans 6:6-11

4. Since God sees us as crucified with Christ, what kinds of things are we to be dead to in our daily experience? Colossians 3:5-7

A Christian has two natures: the flesh with its bent towards evil, which we inherited from Adam, and the nature of Christ who lives in us. Now that we belong to Jesus we have a choice everyday as to which nature we are going to obey and follow – the flesh or our new nature in Christ. Paul speaks of taking off the old man/nature like taking off an old soiled garment and of putting on the new man/nature of Christ. We must do this every day through identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

5. Make a list of the works of the flesh which are to be put aside when we put off the garment of the old man/nature. Colossians 3: 8-9, Galatians 5:19-21

6. What characteristics should be manifested in our lives when we have put on the new man/nature, and are being directed by the Holy Spirit?

Colossians 3:10-13 _____

Galatians 5:22-23 _____

7. What great Christian hallmark demonstrates that the new nature of Christ is at work within us?
Colossians 3:14, Matthew 22:37-40

8. What two practical results should be in the life of the believer who is Spirit directed through his new nature in Christ? Colossians 3:15

9. How can Christians let the Word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom?
Colossians 3:16, 2 Peter 3:18

10. What does it mean to do all that we do in the name of Jesus? Colossians 3:17

Think about it this week:

Everyday when I get out of bed ask - *What garment am I going to put on today: the garment of my old man – the flesh? Or will I put on the garment of my new nature in Christ and let His Spirit direct my life today?*

Things Are Different Now

Things are different now Something's happened to me
Since I gave my heart to Jesus
Things I loved before have passed away
Things I love far more have come to stay
Things are different now Something happened that day
When I gave my heart to Him