

Sunday, November 21, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Put on the New Self

Series: Walking In Renewal ... 2

Text: Colossians 3:1 - 17

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to actively participate in a deliberate SETTING or FOCUSING of the Soul.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional was from 2 Corinthians 4:1 - 18

1. The FACT of the New Birth
2. FAITH Receives God's Mercy
3. FEEDING Contributes to Renewal
4. FUNCTION Exposes Personal Need

~ "For Paul, demonstrating the life changing power of the gospel is equally important as defending it against error. The Colossians are able to fulfill the command daily to display their identification with Christ by death to the past, and their empowerment for the present by the resurrection of Jesus."

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~ Colossians 3:10, "*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*"

1. Seek the Things That are Above:

~ Col. 3:1, "*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" sets the condition of ability. I am the only one that can answer whether I have really accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior!

~ "seek" literally "keep seeking" G2212 zeteo: 1) to seek in order to find, a) to seek a thing, b) to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into, c) to seek after, seek for, aim at, strive after; 2) to seek i.e. require, demand, a) to crave, demand something from someone --- I like the image created by point 2; my seeking is NOT to be passive or casual!

~ See Psalm 27:1-4 and 8; Romans 10:3; Hebrews 11:6

~ John 5:30, "*I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.*"

~ *My earthly challenges and trials can never be resolved by human effort or by the resources of this world; I am a spiritual being who seeks Spiritual insight, direction and resources!*

2. Set Your Minds:

~ Colossians 3:2, "*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.*"

~ "Set," G5426 phroneo: to exercise the mind, i. e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): - set the affection on

~ Mat. 16:23, "*But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hinderance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*"

~ See 1 Corinthians 3:1 - 4 in both ESV and KJV and Romans 8:1 - 6

3. Surrender to Jesus Christ:

~ Colossians 3:3, "*For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*"

~ Romans 6:1 - 6

Vs. 1, "*What shall we say then?*"

Vs. 2, "*we who died to sin*"

Vs. 3, "*Do you not know*????

Vs. 4, "*we too might walk (not POSSIBLY but POSITIVELY can) in newness of life.*"

Vs. 5, "*we have been united with him*"

Vs. 6, "*so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*"

4. Second Coming of Jesus Christ:

~ Colossians 3:4, "*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 John 3:2, "*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*"

Conclusion:

Ephesians 4:1, "*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.*"

"atrophy" (Pulpit Commentary)