

Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights

Part 1: Change Your Outlook

Colossians 3:1-4

Introduction:

- A. We all want to become better than we are presently in our walk with God, don't we? Our desire should be to reach unlimited spiritual heights.
- B. Paul wrote to the church in Colossae to strengthen it because there were some false teachers who were trying to impose strict rules about eating, drinking and religious activities. Paul spends the first two chapters showing the superiority of Christ over all human philosophies and traditions. The last two chapters are devoted to how Christians should live.

LOOK UPWARD (3:1)

- A. Looking upward means we seek after things of higher importance...things that truly matter.
- B. Looking upward means we seek after God and the knowledge of Him (Psa. 14:2; Jer. 29:12-14).
- C. Looking upward means we seek after the truth (Jn. 8:32).

THINK UPWARD (3:2)

- A. Thinking upward means we realize thoughts influence actions (Prov. 6:27-28).
- B. Thinking upward means our thoughts are centered on things that produce moral and spiritual excellence (Phil. 4:8).
- C. Thinking upward means our thoughts are centered on the interests of God (Matt. 16:23).

LIVE UPWARD (3:3-4)

- A. Living upward means seeking God's will for our lives (Matt. 26:36-46).
- B. Living upward means our hearts are set on glorifying God (Col. 3:17).
- C. Living upward means our entire focus is on making it to heaven (Heb. 11:13-16).

Conclusion:

- A. The reason for changing our outlook and looking, thinking and living upward is because of Jesus.
- B. If you and I truly want to reach unlimited spiritual heights, we will change our outlook.