

## **UNBLURRED LINES: CHANGING OUR FOCUS**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. It's hard to live in the world without being affected by the world (I Jn. 2:15-17).
- B. We can probably all think of people we care about who have found their way to becoming just like everyone else in the world.
- C. If we want to live in the world without becoming like the world, we need to change our focus.

### **SINCE WE HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST OUR LIVES SHOULD LOOK DIFFERENT (vs. 1a; 3-4).**

- A. As Christians, there is to be something different about our lives (Col. 2:11- 14; Rom. 6:3-4).
- B. Our lives should not reflect those of the world; our lives should reflect that of Christ (Gal. 2:20).

### **IF WE CHANGE OUR FOCUS WE WILL CHANGE OUR DESIRES (v. 1b).**

- A. Our lives reflect our focus (Lk. 12:13-21; 2 Tim. 4:9-10; Matt. 26:14-16).
- B. When we change our focus, we will start seeking after things of more significance than just our physical desires.

### **IF WE CHANGE OUR FOCUS WE WILL CHANGE OUR THOUGHTS (v. 2).**

- A. We are responsible for the things we think about (Phil. 4:8).
- B. If we want to change the way we live, we must change the way we think (Rom. 12:2).

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Many people travel through this life focused on the wrong things. They are focused on the temporal and not the eternal.
- B. Let's remember our citizenship is not of this world, it's in heaven (Phi. 3:20-21).
- C. If we change our focus, we will change our lives. If we change our lives, we will change our eternity.