

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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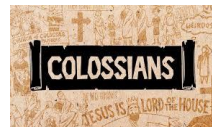
[Colossians 3:1-4](#) – If you listen to talk radio, one of the questions asked is, “What’s on your mind?” The radio host wants to know what people are thinking about a certain topic. As we read Colossians 3:1-4, Paul guides the people to set their minds on Jesus. He just finished writing about the teachings that will lead them away from Jesus. Now, he wants to direct them back to Jesus. He does by telling them to set their hearts and minds on Jesus. We may not think about the difference between heart and mind, but they did. The heart was emotions, intentions, and will. The mind was the seat of wisdom and understanding. Paul told the people to set their inner life on Jesus, and they would be with Jesus for eternity.

What is your heart and mind set on?

What does Paul mean that our lives are hid with Jesus?

How does Colossians 3:1-4 impact our lives?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for

August 3 – August 9, 2026

What are the non-negotiables in your life? Those things that you will not do no matter what. It could be drinking alcohol. It could be cheating on anything. It could be speeding. It could be the peanut butter that you buy. Each of us has something that we will not do. In Colossians 3:1-4, Paul speaks to the church about setting their hearts on things above. It is an interesting way to encourage people to focus on Jesus and nothing else. In this letter, Paul has told them about Jesus over and over again. He tells them not to let the philosophies of the world lead them away from Jesus, because those philosophies lead to death. Jesus has changed their lives and brought them back to life. It would be disheartening for them to turn away from Jesus and life. Is Paul telling us the same thing? We have different things that pull us away from Jesus and can easily fall away from our faith. If we can stay focused on Jesus, our lives will be transformed, and we will be alive!

~ Pastor Seth

MEANINGLESS

Mon. 8/3

[Ecclesiastes 2:4-11](#) – If you haven’t read Ecclesiastes, you should. Solomon, David’s son and the wisest person on Earth, writes about all the things he chased after during his life. At this stage in his life, he was not walking with God. He leaned on the gifts God gave him, his wisdom and wealth, but on the Giver of those gifts, God. Ecclesiastes is his written account of his search for meaning. His search did not go very well. He found everything meaningless. He tried wealth, sex, power, and slaves, and nothing satisfied his desire for meaning. At the end of the book, he admits that fearing God and obeying Him is what humanity needs.

What are some of the things you are searching for instead of God?

How does God give us meaning?

LISTEN UP!

Tue. 8/4

[Deuteronomy 4:1-14](#) – Have you ever lost your keys? What did you do after you found them? Did you put them in the same place ever since? When you put your keys in the same place all the time, you will not lose them. If you do lose them, it's because someone didn't put them where they belonged. Following Jesus can be like putting our keys in the same place. We have the Bible, which teaches us what we need to know about God and our relationship with Him. The Bible gives us all the ways God speaks into our lives. Moses reminds the people of God of who God is and what He has done in their past. Moses points out that the way God acted in the past is how He will act in the future and the present. God gave the commandments for them to follow and deepen their faith in Him.

What does the Bible say to you?

How does the bible deepen your faith in God?

KNOWN BY GOD

Wed. 8/5

[Daniel 2:1-49](#) – Can you imagine what it would be like to be in God's presence? If you can imagine it, how close do you need to be with God to understand what you are seeing and feeling? Daniel is one of those people who are close to God. He worshipped God. He prayed multiple times throughout the day. God sent messengers to Daniel so he could see and understand what God was doing. In Daniel 2, God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream and gave Daniel its interpretation. As Daniel shared the dream and its meaning, Nebuchadnezzar worshipped God and proclaimed how great God is. We can clearly see that Daniel was known by God and entered His presence multiple times. Throughout Daniel's life, he would continue to point people towards God and help them to see God.

What does it take to know God and be known by God?

When have you felt like God knew you and what you were going through?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Thur. 8/6

[Matthew 7:21-23](#) – There are times when Jesus tells us something confusing. Today's reading is one of those confusing teachings. Jesus is teaching the disciples who have gathered on the mount. Each of his teachings has been moving the disciples beyond what the religious leaders have taught them. Near the end of their time together, he tells them that some will not enter the kingdom of heaven. What is Jesus saying? There will be some who do great things in Jesus' name, but will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Why? Jesus makes it clear that they did not do my Father's will. It leads to the question, what is the Father's will? The answer takes us to the end of Matthew's Gospel, to go and make disciples. We are to baptize and teach what Jesus has commanded.

How does Matthew 7:21-23 fit with what you have been taught?

How do you understand Matthew 7:21-23?

I SEE JESUS...

Fri. 8/7

[Acts 6:8-7:60](#) – What will you do for your faith? The Bible is filled with people who do extraordinary things for their faith. Daniel faces the lion's den. Moses stands up to the people and to God. Stephen becomes the first person to die for his faith in Jesus. The sad thing is, Stephen would not be the last person to die for their faith in Jesus. Stephen was brought before the Jewish religious leaders' court to answer questions about what he said about Moses. As Stephen answered their questions, he traced God's movement and salvation through Abraham, Joseph, and Moses. As he began to talk about Jesus' death, the religious leaders heard enough and began to throw rocks at him. As Stephen lay there, he saw Jesus waiting for him and forgave the leaders.

How did Stephen know what to say?

Why did Stephen see Jesus?