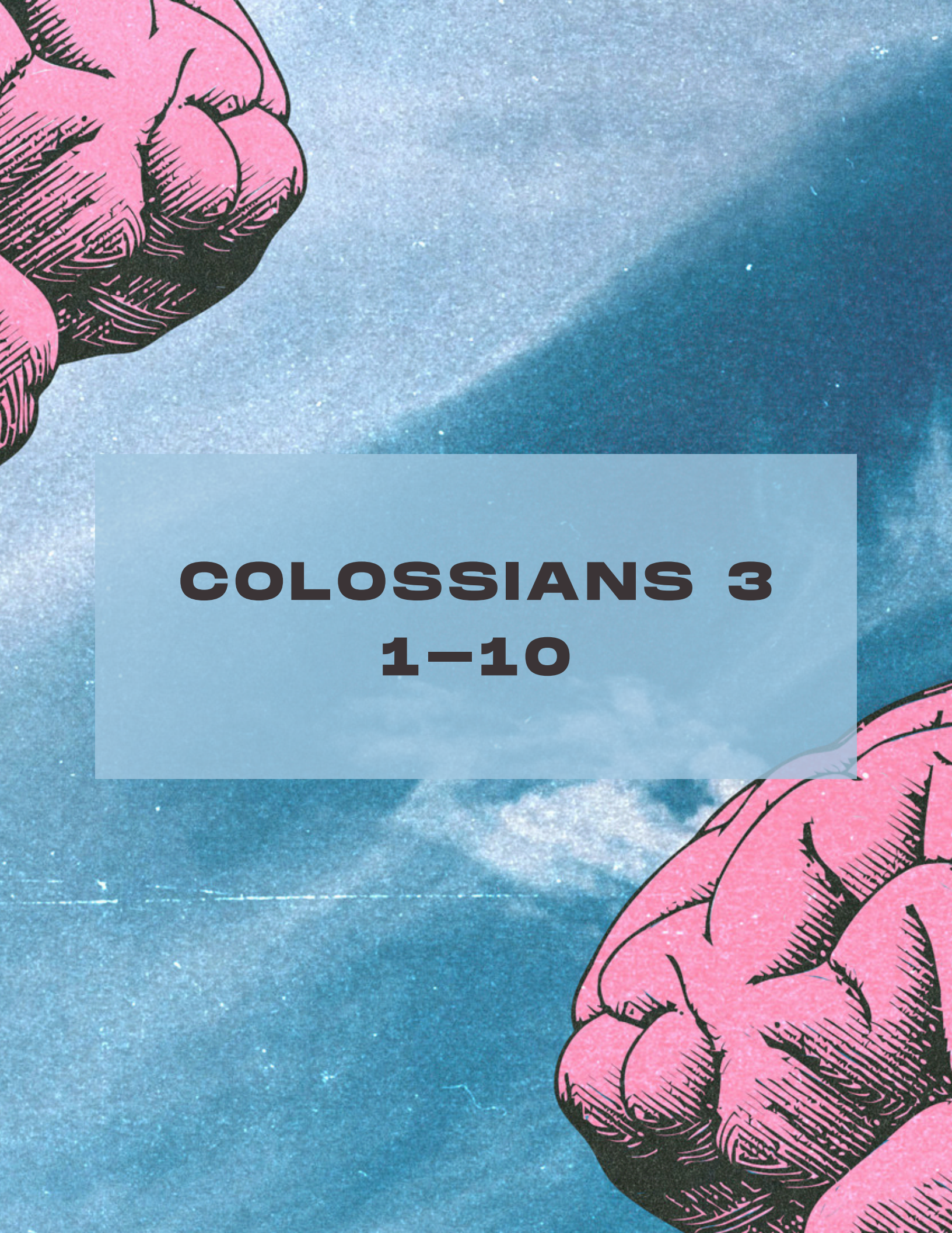




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COLOSSIANS 3:1-2 ESV

IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SEEK THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. 2 SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH.

- **SEEKING REQUIRES ACTION. WE SEEK GOD THROUGH HIS WORD, HIS PEOPLE, AND HIS PRESENCE.**

MAIN POINTS:

3 STEPS TO SEEKING THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE:

(1) LEARN A NEW WAY OF THINKING (LEARNING GOD'S WAYS THROUGH GOD'S WORD) (2) THEN MOVE INTO APPLYING THAT NEW WAY OF THINKING INTO OUR NEW WAY OF LIVING (3).

WHAT'S NEW EVENTUALLY BECOMES NORMAL.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

MATTHEW 6:33 | MATTHEW 25:14-30 | COLOSSIANS 2:8

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COLOSSIANS 3:3-4 ESV

**3 FOR YOU HAVE DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS
HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. 4 WHEN
CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEARS,
THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM
IN GLORY.**

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COLOSSIANS 3:5-7 ESV

5 PUT TO DEATH THEREFORE WHAT IS EARTHLY IN YOU: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, PASSION, EVIL DESIRE, AND COVETOUSNESS, WHICH IS IDOLATRY. 6 ON ACCOUNT OF THESE THE WRATH OF GOD IS COMING. 7 IN THESE YOU TOO ONCE WALKED, WHEN YOU WERE LIVING IN THEM.

- **ARE YOU STILL LIVING IN HABITUAL SIN FROM YOUR PRE-CHRIST SELF?**
- **ARE YOU WILLING TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST?**

MAIN POINTS:

IN ORDER TO GET RID OF SINFUL TENDENCIES, YOU MUST STARVE THEM OUT. STARVATION LEADS TO HUNGER, AND HUNGER EVENTUALLY LEADS TO DEATH.

WHAT YOU FEED YOUR LIFE WITH BECOMES WHAT YOU HAVE AN APPETITE FOR.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

COLOSSIANS 2:13 | EPHESIANS 2:1

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COLOSSIANS 3:8-10 ESV

8 BUT NOW YOU MUST PUT THEM ALL AWAY: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, SLANDER, AND OBSCENE TALK FROM YOUR MOUTH. 9 DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER, SEEING THAT YOU HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES 10 AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.

RENEWAL:

- **CERTAIN EAGLES WILL LIVE FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS BEFORE THEY BEGIN TO LOSE THEIR FEATHERS, BEAKS, AND TALONS. THE EAGLE WILL BEGIN TO GO THROUGH A "MOLTING" OR "RENEWING" PROCESS. HOWEVER, THIS PROCESS IS NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES. THE EAGLE WILL HAVE NO FEATHERS TO FLY, THEY WILL SCRATCH THEIR TALONS TO NUBS, AND KNOCK THEIR BEAKS OFF TO RID THEMSELVES OF THE CALCIUM DEPOSITS THAT BUILD UP ON IT. THE EAGLE IS LEFT COMPLETELY VULNERABLE WITH NO WAY TO DEFEND ITSELF. AT THIS POINT, MANY EAGLES DIE. HOWEVER, IF THE EAGLE STANDS STRONG AND MAKES IT THROUGH THIS PERIOD, ITS FEATHERS, BEAK, AND TALONS WILL GROW BACK STRONGER THAN EVER, AND THE EAGLE WILL FLY ONCE AGAIN.**

MAIN POINT:

YOUR BEHAVIOR SHOULD REFLECT THE SAVIOR.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

PSALM 103:1-5 | ISAIAH 40:31 | ROMANS 12:2

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DISCUSSION

Q. WHAT HAS CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU OR STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM OUR MESSAGES OR THE SCRIPTURE IN COLOSSIANS SO FAR?

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO, "SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH?"

Q. WHAT ARE SOME EARTHLY THINGS WE TEND TO CONCERN OURSELVES WITH?

COLOSSIANS 3:5-7

Q. WHAT IS A BAD HABIT YOU HAVE BROKEN AND HOW DID YOU BREAK IT?

Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO STARVE OUT YOUR SIN? HOW CAN WE BETTER FLEE FROM SIN?

COLOSSIANS 3:8-10

Q. HOW DOES IT HURT OUR WITNESS TO OTHERS WHEN WE LIVE LIKE OUR OLD SELF RATHER THAN OUR NEW SELF?

Q. FOR THOSE IN CHRIST, WHAT IS ONE WAY JESUS HAS RENEWED YOU?

PERSONAL DISCUSSION

READ 2 PETER 3:11-13

NAME SOME OF THE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT WILL BE BURNED UP (EARTHLY) AND NAME SOME AREAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT CAN HAVE ETERNAL IMPACT.

Q. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS IN YOUR LIFE YOU TEND TO HOLD ON TO, TOO TIGHTLY?

Q. WHY DO WE OFTEN SPEND MORE TIME FOCUSING ON EARTHLY THINGS THAT WILL BE BURNED UP THAN ETERNAL THINGS THAT LAST FOREVER?

Q. WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE IN YOUR LIFE TO HELP YOU FOCUS ON ETERNAL THINGS RATHER THAN EARTHLY THINGS?

Q. HOW COULD LIVING WITH AN ETERNAL MINDSET CHANGE HOW WE LIVE OUR DAILY LIVES?

Q. WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?

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