

Series title: #everythingchanges
Message title: Living Out the Gospel
Passage: Colossians 2:20-3:4
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Overview: Having given us a beautiful picture of the glory of Christ and the wonderful salvation we have in him, a salvation and savior that transcends any philosophy or religion this world has to offer, Paul now turns toward how this gospel impacts our daily lives. This week's passage serves as a transition from orthodoxy to orthopraxy. In other words we move from what we believe to how we live in light of this belief.

Engaging with each other

1. Have you ever tried to get in shape, to get healthier? What helped you reach your goal? What made it hard?

Engaging with the Bible

1. In what sense did we die with Christ to the basic principles of this world?
2. When it comes to living out the gospel, what is the inherent weakness of living by a set of regulations?
3. What might some of the "things above" be that we are to set our hearts on? How does one set their hearts on things above?
4. What is the difference (if any) between setting your heart on things above and setting your mind on things above?
5. How does our hope for our future with Christ impact our daily lives?

Engaging with our lives

1. What earthly things occupy your mind most? How do they hinder your spiritual growth?
2. What are some practical ways to retrain your mind to be set on things above?
3. Read (or sing) together the lyrics to the chorus of the song "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.