

THE HOPE OF HEAVEN // Colossians 3:1-4

Morning message from the series, The Gospel of Luke

Although the world may face uncertain days, we have certain hope because of the resurrection of Jesus. His life changes everything about our lives.

1. His Life Changes Who I Am (v.1a)

"If then you have been raised with Christ..."

There are two groups: those who have been raised with Christ, who have been converted and saved, and those who have not. If your life is his life, then you'll die once and not twice. It fundamentally changes who you are.

2. His Life Changes How I Live (v.1b)

"seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

The resurrection changes the posture of your life—which way your life leans. Obedience will change your life: we seek him, obey him, not so that we will be saved, but because we are saved.

3. His Life Changes What I Think (v.2)

"Set your mind on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

The Christian is called to have high thoughts, holy thoughts. To be a faithful follower, you must think. We are called to an informed, intellectual faith, not a blind faith.

4. His Life Changes What I Think (v.2)

"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

This promise is both a future hope and a present hope.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which way is the posture of your life leaning? What is our motivation for obedience?
2. How do we train our minds to be set on things above? How do spiritual disciplines like Bible reading and prayer help with this?
3. How does the future hope of heaven impact our present hope? How does this hope shape how we live now?