

Shift Your Focus

Summer at The Bayou - Part 1

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“Take it from me. There's nothing like joy in Jesus Christ.” - Pete Maravich

What we think about, we care about, and what we care about we chase.

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4 (CSB)

Four Shifts Toward an Upward Focus

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#1 - Holy Priority: Setting Our Hearts on Things Above

Our hearts should be aligned with heavenly values rather than earthly pursuits.

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:2 (CSB)

#2 - Heavenly Perspective: Shifting Our Minds Toward Eternity

“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3 (CSB)

#3 - Humble Purpose: Living a Life Hidden with Christ

A new life inwardly compels a new life outwardly.

Living with a purpose rooted in Christ gives our lives deeper meaning.

“When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:4 (CSB)

#4 - Hopeful Promise: The Glory to Come

“When faith is in fullest operation, it pictures a future with a God who is so powerful and so loving and so wise and so satisfying that this future-picturing faith experiences assurance. **Now.” - John Piper**

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