

“Be Who You Are!”

Colossians 3:1-11 ↔ *October 29, 2006*

“Paul is here commanding the daily appropriation of what we already possess in Christ.”

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1. Focus with a Heavenly Mindset! (1-2)

- a. *“set your hearts on things above....”*
- b. *“set your minds....not on earthly things”*

2. Focus with a Heavenly Identity! (1-4)

- a. You must understand your position in Christ.
- b. You’ve been raised, you died, & you’re life is hidden.

3. Focus on Mortifying the Flesh! (5-8)

- a. Kill sin before it kills you.
- b. Put aside your former life of sin.

4. Focus on a New Wardrobe! (9-10)

- a. A change of nature precedes a change of dress.
- b. You are in a renewal process to become like Jesus.

5. Focus on a New Community! (11)

- a. The gospel tears down all barriers which divide people.
- b. The church must have unity amidst diversity.

◆ Gospel Applications:

1. Believer: *Be in practice who you are in position!*
2. Unbeliever: *Become a new person in Christ!*

Quotable Quotes:

*“There are but two men that are seen standing before God, Adam and Jesus Christ.
And these two men have all other men hanging at their girdles.”*

Thomas Goodwin

*“To wash and dress a corpse is a far different thing from making it alive
– man can do the one, but God alone can do the other.”*

Charles Spurgeon

*“God nowhere tells us to give up things for the sake of giving them up – He tells us to
give them for the sake of the only thing worth having, life in Christ.”*

Thomas Chambers

*“Look around and be distressed...look inside and be depressed
...look at Jesus and be at rest.”*

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