

These questions are for the May 31, 2026, message, “Living Life in Christ.” Please read the sermon passage (Colossians 3:1-4) out loud.

Passage Outline

Living Life in Christ

1. Introduction: Negative ways people seek to live the Christian life beyond Christ:
 - A. Legalism, Antinomianism, Formalism, Spiritualism, Pessimism, etc.
2. The Colossian Church: False teachers were teaching that the Colossians needed more than Christ for salvation. Paul pointed them to the all-supreme and all-sufficient savior.
3. Our New Life in Christ
 - A. Believers are united with Jesus, and they are free from the Mosaic Law’s jurisdiction and condemnation
 - B. Believers are released from evil spiritual powers and sin’s authority over them, and have been given new life to help them live in righteousness
 - C. Realities/promises we have in Christ (e.g., spiritual wisdom, deliverance from darkness into light, etc.)
4. We Must Seek the Things Above:
 - A. Christ is seated at the right hand of God with all authority (Col. 1:15-20).
 - B. We are to persistently seek Christ by obeying Him and thinking of Him.
 - i. Seek Christ by putting to death earthly vices (Col. 3:5-11)
 - ii. Seek Christ by putting on heavenly virtues (Col. 3:12-17)
 - iii. Seek Christ with in ordering your family (Col. 3:18)
 - C. The engine of the Christian life is faith: Gal. 2:20.
5. Conclusion: We can live our lives by counting on the new reality that we have in Christ, submitting our lives to Christ’s supreme rule, and living in obedience to Him.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. How does Jesus help us to live our lives for Him?
2. Why is it so important for people to know their identity in Christ as they endeavor to live out their Christian life?
3. What aspects of your new identity in Christ (your death with Christ, your new life with Christ, and your hope in Christ) do you feel are most helpful to you in living for Him?
4. What does it mean to seek Christ, and how do we do it practically in our daily lives?
5. Consider the statement, “Faith is the engine that drives the Christian life.” What are some other “engines” that people try to use as substitutes for faith to drive their lives?