

# Sermon Notes

January 7, 2024

## *With Christ – Colossians 3:1-15*

### **You have been raised with Christ.**

With Christ spiritually – Yet living here on earth daily.

“Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is.”

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

### **You are hidden with Christ.**

Died? Buried with Christ in baptism.

## **We Must Live Differently**

Not to earn God's love, forgiveness, or balance evil

### **Rather**

To live into the reality given to you in Christ

**Body Issues** – Lust, Sex, Greed

**Heart Issues** – Anger, Slander, Filthy Language

**Community Issues** – Lies

**You are with Christ!**

**Be like the one you are with!**

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**Therefore – Radically different living**

Compassion – Kindness – Humility – Gentleness - Patience

## **Together with Christ**

Forgiving one another as the Lord forgave you.

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

There is a connection between our spiritual reality and our physical lives. The Spirit working with you impacts the way you live, while at the same time, how you live impacts your spiritual development and vitality. Can you think of ways you have experienced these realities in your life?

In Colossians 3, Paul covered physical sensuality, emotional volatility, and social dishonesty as ways of living on earth that must be abandoned if we are to be more fully with Christ. This is not an exhaustive list. What other tendencies, that are contrary to Christ, are common in our society?

If we created a void by removing something, the void needs to be filled. In Colossians 3:12 there is a list of a few things to add into our lives. What other positive virtues and actions could be added to this list?

How does **Ephesians 4:20-32** compare to Colossians 3:1-15?

A covering of love can bind believers together in unity. Review 1 Corinthians 13 while thinking about love that unites.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for humbling yourself, dying on my behalf, and raising me up to new life with you. Guide me every moment of every day that I may be more like you. Amen.