

Live out your identity in Christ

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“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 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.”

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Paul instructs the Colossians and us to be intentional in what we look at. The word “seek” also means to “CRAVE.” I distinctly remember when my wife was pregnant with our first son. We headed out for a little dinner date, and for you moms out there, you know exactly where this going. She started having those “cravings.” Wanting to make sure my bride got exactly what she craved, I think we must have changed course three or four times before finally settling on a restaurant. It was nerve-racking.

More important than what we eat, we’re to crave those things which come from above. Christ-likeness is not something we can manufacture on our own; it comes from the Savior Himself. When Jesus is all we seek, then our identity in Christ, as a child of God, becomes more apparent and clearer. The things of this world mean nothing, and Jesus, our Lord, becomes everything.

ACTION ITEM:

Take a few minutes today and focus your attention on the things above and ask God to remind you of who you are in Jesus. You are His son or daughter, and one day, you will appear with Him in glory.