

Sunday Series

Autumn 2022

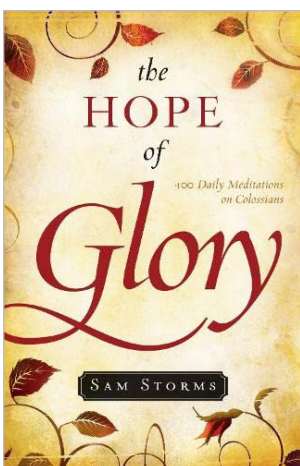
What is the series about?

As life rolls by we all put things at the centre of our lives. For some of us it's family, friends or our career. For others it's our house or our well-being. In this series we will discover that true life is only found if Jesus takes centre stage in our lives. Join us on a Sunday at one of our three locations to follow along.

Recommended Reading

The Hope of Glory

Sam Storms



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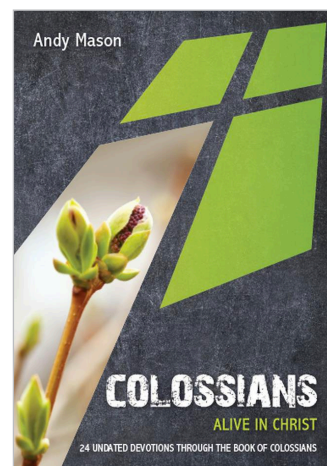
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Colossians, Alive in Christ

Andy Mason



LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness



Title: In Christ

Speaker: Paul Hatton (City West) Bible Ref: Colossians 2: 16-23

Overview

Paul is writing to a group of largely converted Jews who are tempted to return to some of the Judaistic ways of relating to God. This passage shows that only Jesus can do what rules can't and that our union with Christ enables us to say no to ungodliness and to sensual indulgence.

Putting trust in other things

1. **Understand:** What did the Colossians seem tempted to put their hope in? (*Answers: outward sings, worship of angels, spiritual practices*)
2. **Understand:** Why were these paths problems according to Paul? (*Answers are in verses 18 and 23*)
3. **Apply:** In what way are we tempted to put our hopes in things other than Jesus? *Encourage people to share personally and specifically. This encourages accountability and will enable people to apply the truth more specifically.*

Died with Christ

1. **Understand:** Read chapter 2 and the first verse of chapter 3. In what ways does Paul say we are united to Christ? Ask people to share their understanding of what it means to be united to Christ and whether they've thought about it before.
2. **Understand:** From verse 20 of chapter 2, discuss what it means that we died with Christ.
3. **Apply:** Encourage people to share specific areas of their lives where they need to say no to sin and take hold of the fact that they've died with Christ.
4. **Apply:** How does knowing that sin is not our master any more help us say no to ungodliness?

Raised with Christ

1. **Understand:** From verse 1 of chapter 3, discuss what it means to be raised with Christ.
2. **Apply:** It's possible to not live our Christian lives by cultivating the affections of the new heart that God has given us in our new birth. We can take our sanctification into our own hands. Discuss whether that's a temptation people in your group share.
3. **Apply:** How does cultivating the affections of our new heart help us say no to ungodliness? *Encourage people to be specific when applying this to their struggles.*
4. **Apply:** How does knowing that we will one day be raised with Christ to indestructible life help us today?