

Sunday Series

Autumn 2022

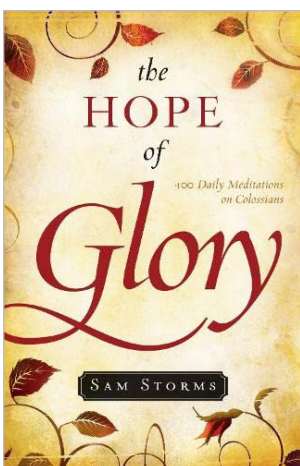
## What is the series about?

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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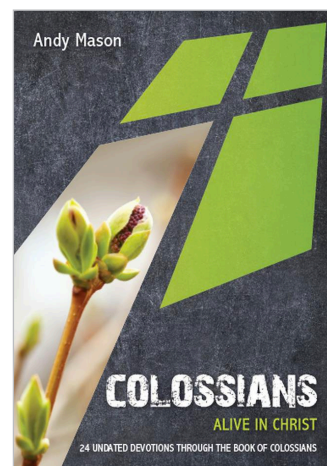
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**Colossians, Alive in Christ**

Andy Mason



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



## **Title: Living as those made alive in Christ**

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre) Bible Ref: Colossians 3: 15-19

### **Overview**

The message of Colossians can really help us live free of the destructive ways of our culture.

**Living in the Peace of Christ v15.** We were called to this! Not just to be forgiven. It's Jesus' legacy to his disciples. *John 14*. How? Peace must rule our hearts, daily decisions, choices

**Living in Praise of Christ.** See; be thankful, much repeated in Colossians. This is the essence of Christian life, seeing God's hand etc. Unthankfulness is mark of the godless *Romans 1v21*  
So how do we do all of the above?

**Living in the Word of Christ v16** It means the Gospel, the Good News; It is powerful, life changing! Read it, sing it, share it. Daily meditate, muse, ponder, sing so it permeates your inner being, mind, heart, will. Too many people fill their heads with fearful news, foolish social media. Make choices. When The Word of Christ lives at the centre of our being it impacts home life

### **Are you enjoying the Peace of Christ on a daily basis?**

1. Our culture is very fearful - finances, war, climate - crises everywhere. This is a time for Christians to be a witness by being different. Peace is much wanted & it's ours in Christ!
2. Are you regularly troubled by fears? Are you missing out on the peace of Christ? What are the things, the thoughts, worries that rob you of your peace?
3. What decisions could you make to change this, to stop this pattern in your life?

### **Is your life marked by regular Thanksgiving to the Lord?**

1. Think of yesterday. What good things, blessings did you enjoy? Things like health, food, friends, peace, laughter, a home etc. Did you take time through the day or at the end of the day to say "Thank you Lord!" Or do you consider those things pure chance, your rights?
2. I was shocked by *Romans 1v21*. I have read it many times but never seen that I am acting like a godless person when I fail to thank God & take everything around me for granted.
3. Start now, asking God to forgive to your thanklessness and look at today. What can you be thankful for - even as some bad, difficult things are happening in your life just now?

### **Does the Word of Christ, the Good News have a central place in you?**

1. OK, let's be honest, how often in an average day do you think about the Lord, what he has done for you & who he is to you?
2. If this is just a Sunday thing for you, don't be surprised if you suffer from anxiety & fear and temptation because it is all around you.
3. What practical steps could you take to "let the Word of Christ live richly in you"? Think about your routines, reading, singing, listening.... Enjoying!!



Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Mark 10:45 (NIV) *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Acts 10:43 (NIV) *All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

Acts 13:38–39 (NIV) *Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

Romans 4:25 (NIV) *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Romans 5:8 (NIV) *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*

1 Corinthians 15:3–6 (NIV) *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.*

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV) *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Colossians 1:13 (NIV) *He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,*

2 Timothy 2:8 (NIV) *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel*

Titus 2:13–14 (NIV) *While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

Hebrews 9:28 (NIV) *Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) *“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

1 John 4:10 (NIV) *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*