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Reading: Colossians

Christians are supposed to be different. People will see you are different in your everyday life. Colossians 3 tells us why we are to be different as well as ways that our lives demonstrate that difference. The key is our focus.

Our focus is “other-worldly.” We are to “seek those things which are above” (3:1) and to “set our mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (3:2). This eternal focus cause us to give up (“put to death”) some behaviors that are common in the world – anger, wrath, the use of filthy language, and lying. It will also create positive behavior in us – kindness, humility, longsuffering, putting up with each other, and forgiveness. We will look out for the best interests of each other, peace will rule in our hearts, and we will be thankful. One other defining characteristic is that we will be “people of the book” – God’s word will dwell in us and we will make certain that everything we do is according to His will.

Let’s be different!

Enjoy the reading,

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