

SERMON NOTES 6/6/26



They key to coming alive in Christ is to be so under the influence by God and distracted by throne room realities that we receive new desires that take care of all the behaviors we struggle with. It is about identity, not behavior management!

1. **Colossians 3:1** reminds us that Christ sits at God's right hand and in Ephesians we see that we are seated with Him at the right hand.
 - The right hand is the place of authority, power, and majesty.
 - When we embrace where we are with Him, we begin to live according to a seated position above trouble and sin rather than the lie that the sin nature is more powerful than we are.
2. **Acts 17:29** teaches us to not worship God as an idol; if we are seated with Him we should not worship the idol of our distorted self. To embrace identity as a sinner is to refuse the new identity in Christ; this should change our nature and behavior, rather than hoping for a new nature that Christ already gave us.
3. **Colossians 3:5, 7-9** tells us to put to death sinful things in us. To put to death the sinful things we must consider those "members" dead and buried. When we do that, we no longer struggle to stop doing sinful things, we simply decide to live with God rather than live under the influence of dead members of the sinful nature.
 - To live from the right hand of God is understanding we are unified with Christ in such a way where we have the power to take off a dead, sinful nature.
4. **Colossians 3:6** - God's anger is love - He doesn't want to tolerate anyone living in the contradiction of the redeemed life - so God will reach out to deal with what we are feeding off of if it is anything other than the bread of life, Jesus!
 - Everything in our life should point toward our seated union. Seated Union is the reason for peace and every victory. We share in His glory when people see JESUS as the reason for all things.
5. **Colossians 3:10-11** tells us to put on the new nature, which identifies us not according to any race, nationality, class, ethnicity, or family bloodline; but identifies us as the Lord's. This new nature is the reality of living from the right hand place of authority. His death and resurrection cut off the old nature, now we get to put on the one that Jesus purchased - the clothes of righteousness that identifies us as His.