

“Living the Heavenly Life in our Worldly Realm” 4/25/21

Colossians 3:1-9

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”

“World”- realm of existence that is earthly, temporal, in opposition and hostile to God in thought, deed, focus, sin, depravity. 1 John 5:19

"You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."
(John 8:23) See also John 3:3, 7; 3:31; 19:11.

"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil."
(John 7:7)

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world" (Hatred- John 17:14; 15:18-19; 1 John 3:13; Home- Phil 3:20)

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15; Rom 12:2)

"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." (James 4:4)

"Pure, uncontaminated devotion derived from Father God consists of this: looking out for orphans and widows, caring for them in their distress; keeping oneself unstained from the world." (James 1:27; Gal 6:14)

LESSON 1- To live the heavenly life we must adjust our THINKING

- A. The truth in our thinking should be rooted in our RESURRECTION
(Eph 2:1-3; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:4; Col 2:12-13)
- B. The response in our thinking should be seeking God’s REALM
(Matt 6:33; 6:10; 2 Tim 3:16; John 6:63; 1 Cor 2:13-14; 2 Cor 10:4-5)

Discipleship Response *A disciple will abandon the wisdom of this world and seek His will, wisdom, and thoughts through the Word!*

LESSON 2- To live the heavenly life we must adjust our ACTIONS

- A. The truth in our actions is rooted in the fact that our old person DIED
(Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22; Galatians 5:24)
- B. The response in our actions should be evidenced by less SINNING
(Rom 1:18; 2:5; Eph 5:6; John 3:36; Jam 3:9; Rom 6:1-3; Rev 21:8-9)

Discipleship Response *A disciple will abandon our old life (or the worldly life) and make serious efforts of living a life of righteousness by the Spirit.*

"Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," (2 Cor 10:5)

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples