

Questions

1. Besides believers living in the present world and in the Kingdom of God, can you think of other situations in which you've felt like you were living between two worlds?
2. How does it encourage you to read that God already sees you as having "been raised with Christ"?
3. What is the significance of Colossians 3:1 telling us that Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God?
4. How would you describe the connection between what we focus on in our thinking and what we desire? What's an example of how your thoughts can feed your desires?
5. What's an example of how your mind naturally gravitates toward earthly things instead of things above? Where is that struggle especially difficult for you?
6. We live in the flesh in a fallen world, so earthly things still matter. But how can you keep earthly things in their proper perspective, especially when they are pushing hard for all your attention?
7. Some questions to ask yourself: To what degree does my use of technology help to keep me captive to earthly things? Does my life look to others to be hidden with Christ in God? What will matter most to me when Christ, who is my life, appears?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

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Between Two Worlds

Colossians 3:1-4

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Believers in Jesus Christ continue to live in the present world while also belonging to the Kingdom of God. Colossians 3:1-4 gives us two rules and two objectives to help us understand how we are to live between these two worlds.

A believer in Jesus Christ lives in two worlds. We live in a fallen world, with bodies of flesh. But we have been redeemed and made to be new creatures who have been raised with Christ, so that we now live in His kingdom. That latter experience of being raised with Christ has "already" and "not yet" aspects to it. i.e., we are already raised with Christ, but we are not yet experiencing the fulness of that state, which is still to come when Jesus returns.

We are to live in this fallen world as if we belong to the new and heavenly world that is Christ's kingdom, because Jesus is already seated at the right hand of God.

Rule 1: Seek the things above (3:1)

What are some things that we know King Jesus treasures/desires?

The salvation of sinners (Luke 15:7)

Readiness for His return (Matthew 25:13)

Righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17)

Rule 2: Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things (3:2)

Objective 2: Making the glory of our King visible in our lives (3:3-4).

Objective 1: Making “things above” a driving force in your life (3:1-2).