

Colossians: A Vision for Holiness

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I. A Vision for Holiness: THE ALREADY (The WHY?)

- ▶ From vs. 1-4 & 12, what is already true about your relationship with and identity in Christ? (Read Rom. 6:3-8 to go deeper)
- ▶ What does vs. 1-2 say about God's vision for your life?
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II. A Vision for Holiness: THE NOT YET (The WHAT?)

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III. A Vision for Holiness: THE POWER (The HOW?)

- ▶ From vs. 15-16, what does it mean and actually look like to "let the peace of Christ rule in your heart" and "let the word of Christ dwell in your richly"?
- ▶ Why do you think the more this is happening in you, the more it would motivate you to pursue holiness?
- ▶ From vs. 12-17, describe how these verses motivate you personally as well as your small group?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

"All things as they move toward God are beautiful, and they are ugly as they move away from Him."

"Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness."

— A.W. Tozer

"Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting; with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God."

— Mother Teresa

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