

Sunday Series

Autumn 2022

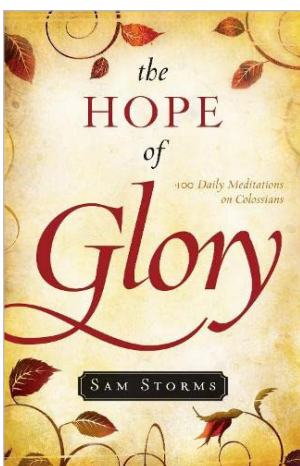
## What is the series about?

As life rolls by we all put things at the centre of our lives. For some of us it's family, friends or our career. For others it's our house or our well-being. In this series we will discover that true life is only found if Jesus takes centre stage in our lives. Join us on a Sunday at one of our three locations to follow along.

## Recommended Reading

**The Hope of Glory**

Sam Storms



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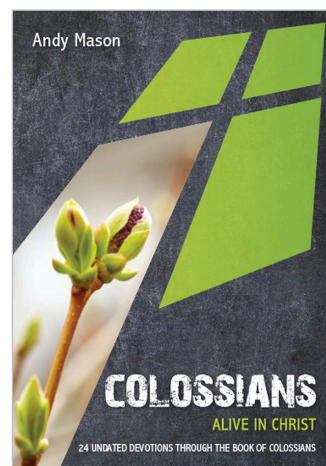
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**Colossians, Alive in Christ**

Andy Mason



**LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness**



## **Title: Renewed in the Image of our Maker**

Speaker: Jamie Lotinga (City West) Bible Ref: Colossians 3: 5-11

### **Overview**

In these verses Paul tells us to put to death whatever belongs to our earthly nature. The earthly nature is the drive in us to over-desire earthly things – its when we need them in order to feel alive, secure and like we are worth something. The thrill of sexual sin can, for a fleeting moment, make us feel alive and connected to beauty. The hoarding of money we don't need can make us feel more secure and the achievement of success and status in career can make us feel more important and like we are worth something. When such needs are threatened by others we can lash out in anger, especially if we find ourselves being criticised. We are new creations in Christ, beloved children of our Father and all our failings are forgiven. We can now live free of these old habits of earthly nature and so we put them to death as we trust and experience God's love for us and live life led by His Spirit. The more we trust and experience his personal love for us, the more we know him by heart and the more we are changed into his image of love. We are made by God and for God and are made complete in his love - we no longer need earthly things in order to feel alive, secure and worth something. It is the Holy Spirit that makes God's love real to us and pours it into our hearts. As we are filled by the Spirit and follow His leading each day, we grow in the fruit of the Spirit and live by our new nature in Christ.

### **The Earthly Nature**

1. What is the earthly nature?
2. Why is the earthly nature such a big problem?
3. Where do you see the earthly nature at work in your own life?

### **Putting it to Death**

1. How does God's love put the earthly nature to death in us?
2. How can we grow in God's love and experience him more?
3. Read Galatians 5:16-25. How does this encourage you?
4. How do we keep in step with the Spirit and follow His lead each day? (*Consider the roles of the Holy Spirit e.g. counsellor, helper, leads us into all truth, grows fruit of the Spirit in us, gives us words when we need to speak, consider also that Ephesians 6 describes the Word of God as being a sword of the Spirit... there's more but this list is a start!*)
5. If you haven't discussed this already, then how does all of this affect and shape our prayer-life with God?