

Sunday Series

Autumn 2022

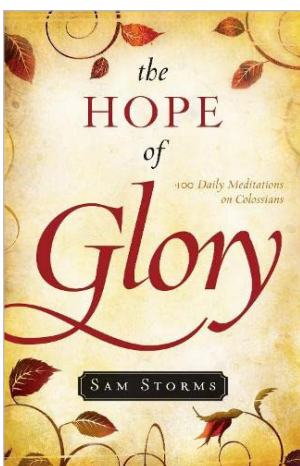
What is the series about?

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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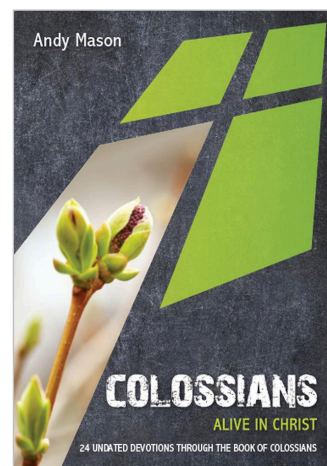
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Colossians, Alive in Christ

Andy Mason



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



Title: Let the peace of Christ Rule

Speaker: Steve Hope (City West) Bible Ref: Colossians 3: 15-17

Overview

At the beginning of chapter 3 we read that since we have been raised with Christ our hearts and minds are to be set on things above, things of God not on earthly things. In verse 3 it speaks of dying to one life and being made alive to another. In the light of that we are given some ways to live, not to earn our salvation, not to spoil our joy but precisely the opposite – for our own good, to maximise our joy.

Let the peace of Christ Rule in your hearts

1. Another way to read this is *“let the peace of Christ be the decisive factor in your life”*, many things can take that place; work, money, study, career, and determine what rules our hearts. What are some of those things for each of us?
2. The peace of Christ, isn't just the absence of conflict, it is Christ's peace (*John 14:27*), the presence of Christ with us in every moment & situation. Easy to say but how can we cultivate Christ peace ruling in our hearts (that leads to joy) rather than 'earthly things' that would steel / diminish joy and often lead to fear?

Be Thankful

This isn't saying be grateful as a parent might say to a child, but its knowing what we read at the beginning of the chapter. That having been rescued from one (old) life and reborn into another in Christ, that truth of the gospel and all that we have received in Christ, the response is to worship in thankfulness.

1. How can we cultivate thankful hearts together?

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly

2. 'Dwell' – that doesn't mean pop round now and again, it means make a home, part of the family, part of daily life. Why do you think this is?
3. When something other than the peace of Christ is ruling in our hearts, how can having His word dwell in among us help?
4. Are we living as though this world is the only home you'll ever have? There is an invitation to exchange the cares and worries of this world for a joy filled hope & future in Christ