

Sunday Series

Autumn 2022

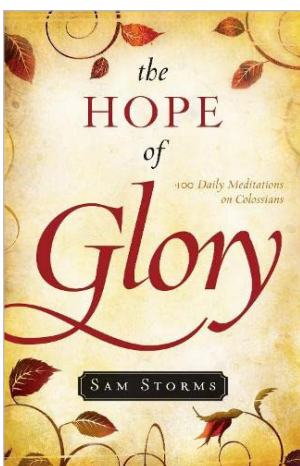
## What is the series about?

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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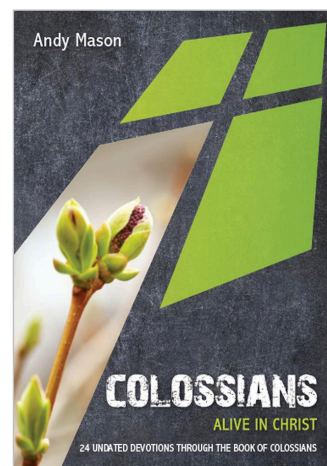
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**Colossians, Alive in Christ**

Andy Mason



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



## Title: Life In Christ

Speaker: Steve Hope (City West) Bible Ref: Colossians 4: 2-6

### Overview

In verse 2 we are urged to devote ourselves to prayer, there are other such provocations in the bible such as; *Luke 18:1*, *1 Thessalonians 5:17*, and *Ephesians 6:18* to mention a few. Why is it prayer has such a priority in the scriptures?

There is a quote (I'm not sure who its by) about prayer that goes "*prayer is keeping company with God*". Prayer is communicating with, and hearing from the living God. In any relationship communication is key, it brings to us a unity, a bond, an understanding, a strengthening and a closeness. And that is what the Lord is seeking, he's seeking a closeness, and intimacy with us, HIS people. See *1 Peter 3:18*

### *Let the peace of Christ Rule in your hearts*

1. We were made for a close relationship with the Lord, we see this in the early chapters of Genesis before the fall in ch3. When we don't have a close relationship with the Lord what sort of things do we try and fill that 'void' with in our lives?
2. What stops us having a close relationship to the Lord (Read *Hebrews 10:19-22*)? and **should** anything stop us having a close relationship with Him?
3. As we draw near to Him we might fear rejection, judgment or a lack of acceptance, but what does James say happens as we draw near? *James 4:8*
4. When we pray He hears, and He responds.
5. What does walking with intimacy / closeness to Jesus look like? Get practical, think day to day, how can we be encouraging one another and peruse this as a LIFE group?
6. What can we expect as we walk in closeness to Jesus?

### Watchful & Thankful

1. Watchful of our lives, watchful of the world around us (aware that we are in a battle, and this is not our home), and looking to the return of the coming King Jesus.
2. Thankful – as we are draw close to Jesus we discover more of His grace, and of course that increases thankfulness in our hearts.

### "Pray for us too"

1. Paul urges His readers to pray for him & his mission too, we too can be an important part of apostolic mission as we pray for people, churches, & church plants beyond ourselves.