**Sermon Notes**

**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“The Things of the Earth Grow Strangely Dim in the Light of His Glory & Grace”**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**Big Idea: Focusing on the wrong thing will lead you to the wrong place. Keeping focus on the right things is crucial for getting you to the right place.**

**Jesus killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross and Jesus’s death on the cross kills sin in the life of the believer.**

**A changed life in and through Christ is propelled by what believers set their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on.**

**The practical first step for a Christian is to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord, seeking and setting our minds on the things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v1-2).**

**It is good for the people of God to remind ourselves that we are, more than anything, to be people of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**For the Christian to seek and set our minds on the things above and not on the things of the earth means at least two things:**

1. **The Christian is called to see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and fleeting nature of the things of earth.**

**As Christians, we should be *concerned* about the matters of this earth, but we should not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by them (2 Timothy 2:4).**

**Jesus is seated at the right hand of God - this conveys His finished work and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule and reign over all things.**

1. **The Christian should seek to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 6:1).**

**If I want my heart and mind set on the things of Jesus, then I must seek Him, through His Word (in regular reading and study of it), commit to consistent and faithful membership in a local church where the Jesus of the Bible is proclaimed, and pray that God would daily help me to set my mind on the things above.**

1. **The Christian must seek to live a life with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in view.**

**Living with a focus toward the things above means letting the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the right now - be influenced by Him.**

**The motivation and enablement to seek the things that are above is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and eventual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the believer in Jesus (v3-4).**

**The life of a true believer is marked by continual progression toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The believer should set their mind on the things above because they will be with Christ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_one day.**

Blanks: sin; minds; above; future; temporary; consumed; sovereign; grow; eternity; present; security & glorification; Jesus; glory.