

## **Slides:**

### John 7:37-38

37 On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 The one who **believes** in me, as the Scripture has said, will have **streams of living water** flow from deep **within him**."

Jesus invites all whose soul is thirsty for something new to come to Him and receive new life today

You can believe Jesus and not be pursuing Jesus at the same time

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### Colossians 3:1-4

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### Colossians 2:12

... "when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also **raised** with him through faith in the working of God, who **raised** him from the dead."

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Jesus is **reigning** in heaven and on earth, and we are **with** Him and **in** Him

### Colossians 3:5-8

5 Therefore, **put to death** what belongs to your **earthly nature**: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, God's wrath **is coming** upon the disobedient, 7 and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. 8 But now, **put away** all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth.

Do any of these examples Paul gives stick out to you in your life?

Part of "setting our minds on things above" is being **aware** of the sin that can **distract** us from that mindset

### Colossians 3:9-11

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have **put off the old self** with its practices 10 and have **put on the new self**. You are being **renewed in knowledge** according to the **image of your Creator**. 11 **In Christ** there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but **Christ is all and in all**.

Paul equips us with a new mindset:  
old self v new self

### 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

16 From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way. 17 Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; the **old** has passed away, and see, the **new** has come!

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### Colossians 3:12-14

12 Therefore, as God's **chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on** compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. **Just as the Lord has forgiven you**, so you are also to forgive. 14 Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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Sometimes I think we are looking for a miraculous moment in our circumstances, when the miraculous moment is the **difficult** and **sacrificial** choice in front of you

Colossians 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, **rule your hearts**. And be thankful. 16 Let the **word of Christ** dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And **whatever** you do, in **word** or in **deed**, do **everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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