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Heaven – A Place to Die For Colossians 3:1-4

So what? For several weeks we have been talking about heaven and hell. Does it make any difference for each one of us?

This message was a challenge to say, “Yes” to that question.

1. **It will enable us to live with confidence!** (with boldness, even fearlessly)
Christ is seated at the right hand of God, Colossians 3:1, see also Hebrews 3:1; Hebrews 12:2
We need to keep our eyes in the right place.
When you are focusing on Christ, what is caused to happen in your life?
You can answer by filling in the following statements or make up statements of your own:
“It rules out _____”
“It helps me not _____”
“It makes me want to _____”
2. **It will enable us to keep the world in perspective!** There is a gravitational pull to the world system and it seeks to draw us into its dark hole.
In what ways can the world be our only perspective? (political, economic, experiential with movies, foods, travel, music, etc)
How could the world be put into “perspective?” What would it look like to you?
3. **It will enable us to live a radical faith! A powerful life.**
“To be heavenly minded, and your earthly best.”
Colossians 3:5 and following are Paul’s challenges to us about living the right life.
Grade yourself on a scale of 1-5 (1 being very little, and 5 being most of the time), how much are you living a radical faith?
Discuss how you could move yourself through accountability in your Life Group to a higher number on the scale?