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Col 3:1-4

A Resolution Worth Keeping: *Out with the Old; In with the New*

Questions for Discussion:

1. These verses rely upon Paul's argument in Chapter 2 of Colossians. Read chapter 2 and summarize what Paul has said there. What is the basis of his assertions, or the foundation of his argument?
2. When Paul declares truths such as these, is it difficult for you to grasp or feel confident about what he says is true of believers in Christ? In what ways do you think we are like the Colossian Church, and what ways are we different? Is our struggle really similar to theirs or is it different? Why or why not?
3. Read chapter 3:1-4. What grabs you in this passage? Taking into account the Paul's other letters, is Paul consistent in this assertion or is this a new idea which only shows up in this passage? Are there other passages which preach similar things to us?
4. How do you deal with the 'Already, Not yet' balance in your life? Do you even think about it? In what ways are you going to think or act differently when considering the truth that "you are dead and your life is hidden with Christ in God"?
What implications for your life, in particular have been brought up through hearing this message? Is there a particular part of the message which you struggled with or found contrary to what you have believed? How are you allowing God to help you through that apparent conflict?
5. Cris talked about 'preaching the Gospel to yourself' every day. How can we go about teaching and preaching the Gospel to ourselves and one another? Is just 'hearing' the Gospel enough? (what does James say?)
Do you feel confident that you know the Gospel well? Is it important to know it all that well? If so, what can we do to affirm our understanding of God's Redemptive Story as a group and as individuals? What might result from knowing the story of our hope better?