



GUARDING RELATIONSHIPS

Hazlemere church

IN Intro

You may want to re-watch Marks talk from Sunday: His talk starts 10 minutes in to the FB live feed: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=165396927916895>

- Share one thing that you are worried/sad/anxious about
- Share one thing that you are thankful for at this moment

UP Explore

Look at Colossians 3:1-4. Paul makes some significant statements about Christian identity, some in the past, some in the present, some in the future.

- For each of these statements (taken from the NIV version) – how would you restate them in your own words? What significance do these statements hold for you right now?

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| Past | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'you have been raised with Christ' (v1) • 'you died' (v3) |
| Present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ is seated at the right hand of God (v1) • My life is hidden in Christ (v3) |
| Future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ will appear in glory (v4) • You will also appear in glory (v4) |

- How can be intentional about your response to verse two: 'Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things'?

Take a detailed look at Colossians 3:5-11

- Which part of this is most challenging for you?
- *You may wish to make a private note to yourself of one thing that you would like to take off*
- What is the significance of Paul using the phrase 'Put to death' when he starts talking about sin?
- What are some of the things which you find help you to 'put to death' your own sinful actions and thoughts?

Now consider Colossians 3:12-17

- Which of the virtues in verses 12-14 do you most desire to 'put on' at the moment?
- How are we to 'Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts?'

OUT Impact

- What does it look like for us to be Blessing to others at this time?
- What is your prayer for those close to you?
- What is your prayer for yourself?