

Our Ascension and Its Implications

Sermon Outline for December 13, 2015 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

¹If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Intro - Why Verses 1-7?

Colossians: Encouragement to Walk in All Wisdom as Holy Ones in Christ by John Paul Heil

v. 8ff - Put Off/Put On; Sexual Sin Frontloaded

How to walk in Him as opposed to false asceticism (Col. 2:21-23; 1 Tim 4:8)

I. An Ascension Text (Psalm 110) – Christ's and Ours Eph. 2:6

II. An Ascension Imperative - Seek, Set Your Mind

A, Pivot from Credenda to Age da

B, Orientation of Mind and Will; Think and Do

Continuous' Significant Exertion; "sober consideration, firm purpose" WBC

C. Above and Below - Flesh and Spirit (Rom. 8:6)

Not Asceticism – Feasts and Fasts; Marriage, Children, Work, Sex

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Economics, Ideas, Passions

D. How?

1. Generally – Bible, Gospels, Church

2. Specifics – More to Come, Today - Mortification of Sexual Sin

Know Its Nature – Greed/Idolatry; Contentment

Rom. 1:24; 6:19; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; Eoh. 4:19; 5:3; 1 Thes. 4:7

Rom. 1:26; 1 Thes, 4:5

Why so hard? Centrality

Accentuate the Positive

Make no Provision; Accountability

Judgment; Most important, incompatible with Christian Living

The year of living dangerously, year of living with sexual purity

Transact business now

III. An Ascension Reality - Our Lives Are Being Revealed – To Us! Col. 3:10-11

Hidden - Security (Ps. 27:5; 31:20; Col. 1:5), Revealed Fully at His Return, Partially As We Walk