

Just Jesus: Living A Resurrected Life

(Colossians 3:12-27)

Introduction

A) John MacArthur credits A.J. Gordon with this analogy, I have seen in the autumn, when trees have shed their leaves, that often two or three hang on through the winds and storms of winter. Yet, in spring, the rising sap and new vegetation force the old leaves to be pushed off.

That is a great analogy of what should happen in the life of a Christ-follower. New life within, grows and matures and manifests itself in the life of the Christ-follower by pushing-off the old self, resulting in new attitudes, fresh motives, and different behavior.

B) The Bible calls this type of life resurrected life. Resurrection life is changed life, transformed life, or new life.

- 1) We are raised with Christ (v. 1)
- 2) Our life is hidden in Christ (v. 3)
- 3) Christ is our life (v. 4)

C) The changed heart must result in a lifestyle change. If there is not lifestyle change, I question the heart change.

- 1) For some the change may be immediate in some areas
- 2) For some the change may be slow in some areas

D) Contextualize this sermon in the series, Just Jesus.

E) Contextualize Colossian 3:12-17.

- 1) The Promise of New Life
- 2) The Picture of the New Life
- 3) The Practice of New Life

I. Let Grace Saturate Your Life (v. 12-14)

A) Start with the right attitudes (v. 12)

B) Continue with the right foundation (v. 13)

C) Bind it up with the right motive (v. 14)

II. Let Peace Umpire Your Life (v. 15)

(In the Bible peace is both a state and a practice, It is a fact and a feeling.)

- A) Source of personal peace.
- B) Roll of personal peace “the umpire of you daily living.”
- C) Applying personal peace “the umpire of your decisions.”

III. Let the Word Dominate Your Life (v. 16)

- A) The Admonition – “Saturate your life with the Word of God
- B) The Extent – “richly”
- C) The Result - “teaching, correcting, praising”

IV. Let Jesus Motivate Your Life (v. 17)

- A) The challenge – “do everything in the **name of the Lord Jesus**”
- B) The scope – “whatever you do, in word or in deed”
- C) The basis – “the sacrifice of Jesus”

Conclusion