

TITLE AND NUMBER: 248 Your future is so bright



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

LOOKING FURTHER: Romans 8:37-39, Psalm 139:1-18

What does the Bible passage tell us?

Being in prison can sometimes make life feel like it has been reduced to routines, restrictions and regrets. But Colossians 3:1-4 reminds us that the truest part of who we are is not defined by our past or even by our present, but by where Christ is. If you belong to Jesus, then you have been raised with Him. That means your real life - the one that matters most - is hidden with Christ in God. It's safe, secure, and can't be taken away by prison bars, judgements or circumstances.

Paul encourages us to 'set our hearts on things above.' That's not easy, especially when the world around us feels heavy. But it's not about escaping reality - it's about remembering that our future is tied to Christ, not to our failures. Setting our minds on things above means seeing our worth through God's eyes. It means choosing to believe that our story isn't over, because Christ is not done with us yet.

Even when the world sees shame or failure, God sees someone who is covered by the righteousness of Christ. One day, when Jesus returns, you will appear with Him in glory as a beloved child of God. Until then, hold on to this hope: your life is hidden in Him. Nothing can separate you from His love, not even a prison wall. Keep your eyes on Him. He is your life - and your future is glorious.

Reflection

- What do you think God sees when He looks at you? How might that be different from how the world sees you - or even how you see yourself? This week, spend some time thinking about what it means that your life is 'hidden with Christ in God.'
- Why not write a letter or a prayer to Jesus, thanking Him for giving you a new life? Tell Him about your hopes, your struggles and how you want to keep setting your heart on things above, even in difficult circumstances.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for?
It's okay to talk to God about this.

