

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
Applying this message to everyday life

1. How can we live our life with an eternal perspective? How would this affect the way we live our lives each day?
2. Can a person be so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good? How close does this statement come to describing you?
3. After studying this sermon, what is one thing you could put into practice that would enhance your present life?
4. Pray for one-another that the truth of Colossians 3:1-2 would become apparent in each member of your group.

*Life Beyond*  
#609 – *Seek Things Above*  
*Colossians 3:1-2*

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**Seek Things Above**

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. Colossians 3:1-2

We are to eagerly anticipate and \_\_\_\_\_ for heaven.

With our \_\_\_\_\_ we are to center our life in Christ. With our \_\_\_\_\_ we are to concentrate our concern on the eternal, not the temporal.

The Spirit has revealed to us that at death our body returns to \_\_\_\_\_, our spirit returns to \_\_\_\_\_, our faith will be confirmed, and we will consciously (yet temporarily) dwell in \_\_\_\_\_.

The spirit's departure from the body \_\_\_\_\_ our existence on Earth. The physical part of us "sleeps" until the resurrection, while the spiritual part \_\_\_\_\_ to a conscious existence in Paradise.

The questions, what \_\_\_\_\_ heaven like? And, what \_\_\_\_\_ heaven be like? Have two different answers.

Simply put, Paradise is up \_\_\_\_\_, the future, eternal Heaven will be down \_\_\_\_\_.

Unlike God and the angels, who are \_\_\_\_\_, human beings are by nature both spiritual and physical.

The martyrs in Heaven are described as wearing \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 6:11)

John had a \_\_\_\_\_ when he visited heaven for he grasped, held, ate, and tasted things there. (Rev 10:9-10)

Paul expresses \_\_\_\_\_ about whether he'd had a body there or not. (2 Cor 12:2-4)

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. What are the first three things you want to do when you get to Paradise?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. If God gave you a choice to die and go to Paradise today, or continue living on, which would you choose and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What things on Earth presently occupy a good portion of your heart and mind?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. In Colossians 3:1-2 we are given a direct command to set our heart and mind on things above. Why do you think God gave us this command?

3. How does the dwelling place described in Revelation 21:1–3 differ from most people's understanding of Heaven where God will ultimately dwell with humankind?

4. How does Job 19:25-27 contribute to your understanding of heaven and the assurance of your salvation?