

Outward change does not promise inward victory over sin. You can be transformed - but Jesus has to do it from the inside out.

PULPIT CURRICULUM

THE VICTORIOUS LIFE IS IN JESUS

Colossians 2:8-23

1. REVIEW

Read Colossians 2:8-15 carefully noting repeated words and phrases. Paul is providing a theological response to the doctrinal and practical problems facing the church - especially regarding the position and prominence of Christ in their lives. What is Paul asking the church to understand about Christ and our relationship with him?

Paul makes a concerted effort to show the emptiness of worldly philosophies. Where have you noticed worldly philosophies creeping into the American church?

What does it mean to be victorious in Christ? How would you know if you're experiencing this victory?

2. ASSESS

Consider the things that "bring you life." Where are you seeking fulfillment other than in Christ? How has that been working out for you?

Jesus cancelled the record of your debt so you could live victoriously over sin. What has been your recent experience with living this victorious life? What has been fueling or detracting from it?

3. APPLY

What simple, specific, and significant action can you take this week to demonstrate the victorious life in Jesus to those closest to you?

This passage of Scripture is loaded with significant biblical doctrine. Choose 1-2 verses that you will commit to reviewing once a day for the next week to gain additional depth of understanding.

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

1. Filled in Him for victory over worldly influence. vv.8-10
2. Transformed in Him for victory over sin. vv. 11-12
3. Alive with Him for victory over judgment. vv. 13-14
4. Triumphant with Him for victory over evil. v. 15
5. Choose relationship with Him over religion. vv. 16-23

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Romans 6:8-11

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ Romans 8:1-8

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Luke 9:23-27

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Ephesians 4:17-32

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Isaiah 43:25

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Uncommon Walk" class starting soon at your campus.