



Colossians

Week 5: Above the Line Living | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 9.14.2025

Opener

When was the last time you felt stability?

Read

Colossians 3:1-17; 2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:2; Colossians 1:21-22; Colossians 2:10; Hebrews 10:14

Main Points

1. There's a you that you see, and there's a you that you don't see - Paul begins Colossians 3 with a call to seek with our spiritual eyes what we cannot see with our physical eyes. We call this "Above the Line/Below the Line."
2. *Above the Line*: Unseen, Eternal, I am. *Below the Line*: Seen, Temporary, I am becoming.
3. Both realms are important to God, because he made both of them, but we're created to start above the line and live from there, because that's where our ultimate reality is where we are one with Christ and seated with him.
4. Living above the line here below - we've traded out hatred for love, forgiveness for anger, kindness for wrath, and unity for hostility.
5. Because of Jesus, we are no longer the same person we once were - our old self has been put to death, and we are now a new creation in Christ.

Engage with God in a Group

- What is your understanding of *above the line/below the line* living?
- When have you experienced the permanence of *above the line* in your own life?
- How have you seen the exchange of hatred for love, forgiveness for anger, kindness for wrath, and unity for hostility in your life and/or relationships?
- How would starting *above the line* impact how you interact with others and handle what's happening *below the line*?

Bottom Line

Spiritual growth is becoming below the line who we already are above the line.

Daily Activity as We Study Colossians Together

Throughout this study, we encourage you to physically write out 2-3 verses a day.