

Captivated

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community church



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Captivated by Christ

Col 1:15–20, Eph 2:14–16, Php 2:6–11

- I. Being Captivated
 - a. We become captivated by...
 - i. Imagining something's value. (Col 2:8, 2Tim 4:3)
 - ii. Learning something's value. (2Tim 3:16-17, Psalm 32:8, Php 4:9)
 - b. Can we avoid being captivated?
 - i. NO- Everyone is captivated by something. (Eph 2:3, Eph 5:8, Rom 7:5)
 - ii. We can choose the object of our captivation. (1Sam 15:22)
- II. Being Captive
 - a. We are captives by...
 - i. Nature. (Eph 5:22-6:9)
 - ii. Choice. (Rom 1:22-23)
 - b. Can we avoid being captives?
 - i. Not entirely. (1John 1:8-10, Eph 2:1-3, 1Cor 2:14)
 - ii. We can avoid thinking and behaving like captives. (Dan 1:8-21, Col 3:18-25)

III. Being Captivated changes being a Captive by...

- a. Changing your behavior.
 - i. Your actions align with you thoughts. (James 1:14-15)
 - ii. Your thoughts align with your treasure. (Col 3:1-17)
- b. Changing your perspective
 - i. Identify the reason behind your captivity. (Col 4:2, Php 3:7-11)
 - ii. Help you see beyond your captivity. (Dan 3:16-18, Php 4:10)

Growing Notes

1. When it comes to being captivated how is imagining something's value different than learning something's value. Which method of captivation is easier? Which method is more accurate? Which method is the most likely to promote stability in your life?
2. Can you choose not to be captivated by something? How can you be sure that what has captivated you is worthy of your time and attention?
3. Considering that being a captive is to some degree unavoidable, how can being captivated transform your experience as a captive? Does what you are captivated by affect your ability to deal with your captivity?
4. Does being captivated transform being a captive by changing you or by changing your circumstances? What if your Circumstances never change? Does what you are captivated by help you deal with that?
5. How can changing your perspective alter your captivity? Can the right perspective make being a captive fulfilling? How can being captivated by Christ provide this perspective?