

August 9 – “Dead, Buried, Raised”— Baptism Sunday #4– Lead Pastor Marc Riegel

Colossians 3:1-17

Baptism Series #4 – "Now What?" Col. 3:1-17

Discussion Questions

1. LIVE UP – Set Your Mind on Christ



Paul begins by saying, *"Since you have been raised with Christ..."* before giving any commands.

- Why do you think Paul starts with our identity before our behavior?
- What does it practically look like to "set your minds on things above" during an ordinary week?
- Which of these questions challenges you the most?
 - What occupies your thoughts?
 - What captures your attention?
 - What shapes your decisions?

2. LIVE DIFFERENT – Put Off the Old Self

Paul tells believers to "put to death" the old way of life and "put on" the new self.

- Why is it often easier to fall back into old habits than to embrace our new identity?
- Is there an attitude, habit, or pattern that God is asking you to "put off"?
- The sermon said, **"Don't go digging up what God already buried."** What does that statement mean to you?

3. LIVE WITH – Put On Christlike Character

Paul describes what life should look like inside the family of God.

- Which characteristic in verses 12-17 comes most naturally to you?
- Which one is the most difficult?
- How would our church, family, or workplace be different if everyone intentionally "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, and love each day?

4. LIVE OUT – Represent Jesus

Paul concludes:

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

- What is one place in your daily life where you need to represent Jesus more intentionally?
- How does remembering your baptism change the way you approach your relationships, work, or decisions?
- Who in your life might be drawn toward Christ because they see Him in the way you live?

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Digging Deeper

The sermon compared baptism to a **passport**, not a **birth certificate**.

A birth certificate records something that happened in the past.

A passport continually identifies who you are and whose country you belong to.

- How does this illustration change the way you think about baptism?
- In what ways can you "carry your passport" as a follower of Jesus every day?

This Week's Challenge

Each morning, before beginning your day, pray through these four reminders:

LIVE UP

- Lift your eyes to Christ.
- Ask God to shape your thoughts and priorities.

LIVE DIFFERENT

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you leave behind attitudes or habits that no longer belong in your life.

LIVE WITH

- Intentionally "put on" one Christlike characteristic (compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, or love).

LIVE OUT

- Ask yourself:
 - *How can I represent Jesus today?*
 - *Who can I encourage, serve, or point toward Christ today?*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Thank You for giving us a new identity through Your death and resurrection. Help us to live each day as people who have been raised with Christ. Teach us to set our minds on You, leave behind our old ways, love others well, and represent You faithfully wherever we go. May our lives become a compelling invitation for others to know You and follow You. Amen.