

SMALL GROUP LESSON

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EASTER PEOPLE

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Are you an "Easter Person?" Have you placed your life into the hands of the resurrected Christ? Are you trusting in Him to raise you to a newness of life, just as He was raised from the dead on Easter morn? If so, then take a look at what Paul says to us in Colossians 3:1-4. There are three things that he wants to tell us. Our pastor has identified them with three key words. Let's take a look at each of them.

1. When Paul talks about setting our hearts on things above, what does he mean and how is that related to the word "anticipation"?
2. When Paul talks about setting our minds on things above, not on earthly things, what does he mean? Take a look at Colossians 3:5-11 and the word "preparation."
3. Finally, take a look at Colossians 3:4. What is Paul describing in this verse and how is it related to the third word "revelation"?

Now let's see if we can take these three words and this passage of Scripture, Colossians 3:1-4, and come up with a practical application that will help us to live our lives more effectively as "Easter People." Take, for example, the popular TV show, "Fixer Upper." How do the words—"anticipation," "preparation," and "revelation"—come to life as Chip and Joanna assist a family who wants to live in a newly renovated home? Then let's take another look at Colossians 3:1-4, and ask ourselves, "What would we really like to see happen in our lives, what things will have to be changed in order for that to take place, and finally what will we look like and be like when the transformation is complete?" Becoming an "Easter Person" is like moving into a home that has been completely renovated and decorated by the risen Lord.