

## Home Group Study Questions

### Message: IN CHRIST ALONE 5. “Living to Please God” 2nd November, 2014



#### Getting Started:

1. Can you remember a time when pleasing someone—a parent, teacher, boyfriend/girlfriend, husband/wife—was important? How did you go?
2. How do you respond to the concept of “pleasing God”?



#### Into the Bible:

##### *Read Colossians 3:1-4*

3. What two things are we to “set on things above”? (vss. 1 & 2) What does this mean to you? How easy is it to do?
4. Paul introduces this instruction with the words, “Since then, you have been raised with Christ...” and follows this thought in vss. 3 & 4. What does this teach us?

##### *Read Colossians 3:5-11*

5. How are we to deal with the things of our “earthly nature”? (See the first words of vss. 5 and 8)
6. What is his rationale for telling us to do this? (vss. 9 and 10)

##### *Read Colossians 3:12-14*

7. Comment on the “clothing” Paul urges us to put on.

Which qualities stand out?

(Are there any lacking in your life you would like to add?)

##### *Read Colossians 3:15-17*

8. How is Jesus central in what Paul teaches here?
9. “...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (vs. 17). How can we make this teaching a practical reality in our lives?



#### Digging Deeper

10. What factors seem to drag our hearts and minds back onto earthly things? (This is where we live now. Is this really a problem?)
11. Did you find Paul’s teaching in this passage to be “heavy going”... or liberating?