



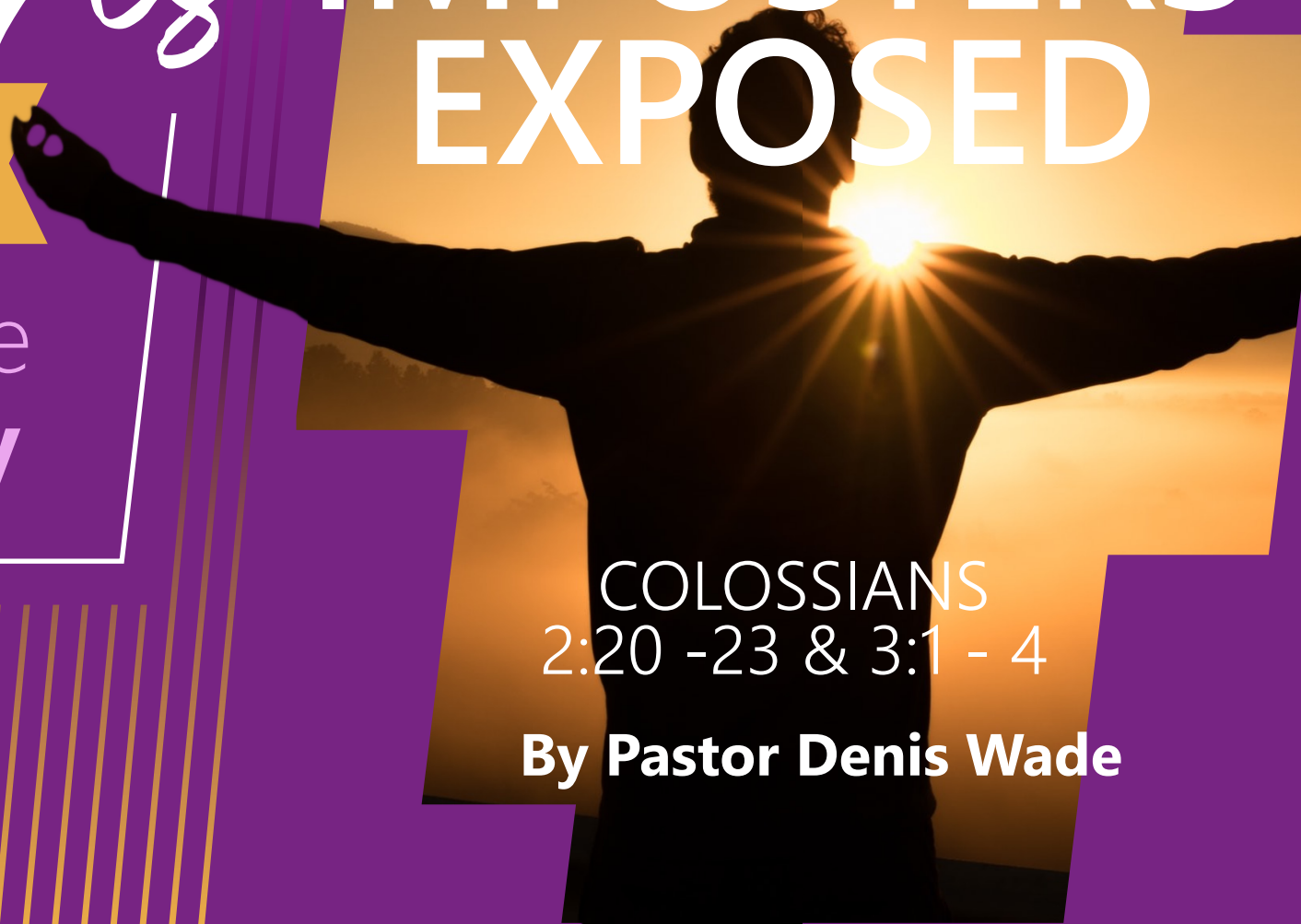
Colossians

series

Christ in you, the
hope and glory



THREE IMPOSTERS EXPOSED



COLOSSIANS
2:20 -23 & 3:1 - 4

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The Supremacy & Sufficiency of Christ

Paul's Key Point To The Colossians

- God is the Supreme being
- The supernatural being conceived as the perfect and omnipotent and omniscient originator and ruler of the universe; the object of worship in mono-theistic religions.
- Supreme = final in your life
- Supreme = sovereign & greatest is status of authority or power
- Highest in excellence or achievement
- Supreme = greatest over all

Question to the congregation

1. How do you know that Christ is supreme in your life?

You will not be concerned about the judgements of the legalists that try to take you off track.

For example: The legalists were trying to persuade believers that there was righteous virtues in not eating, drinking or touching certain things.

Jesus said in Matt 15:10 "Its not what goes into a man's mouth that defiles him, but what comes out of his mouth.

(Your words are to be a greater concern than the food you eat)

(Remember Christ is the Supreme one)

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Colossians 2:20 - 23 NLT

If You're Living For Christ - Don't Let Anyone Judge Your ...

1. Religious Observance – Colossians 2:16 – 17
2. Religious Experience - Colossians 2:18 – 19

This Is What You Should Do - Colossians 2: 20 - 23

1. Focus your mind on what Christ has done - Col 3:1-2
2. Focus your mind on what Christ will do - Col 3:3 -4

You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. Colossians 2:20a

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We no longer need to follow the rules of this world, so don't be entangled by them (Colossians 2:20)

- Don't handle
- Don't taste
- Don't touch

The Folly of Human Teaching

²² Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. ²³ These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

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Colossians 2: 20 -23 NLT

Legalism – The strict observation of manmade rules and regulations, in an attempt to impress man and appease God.

Asceticism – The harsh treatment of the body and self-denial, in an attempt to appease God.

Mysticism – The practice and observation of irrational spiritual thoughts and deeds.

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Colossians 2: 20 – 23 NLT

Paul's Primary Arguments:

1. Human teaching has its limits and have only temporal benefits.
2:22
2. Human teaching is quite deceptive. 2:23a
3. Human teaching is void of spiritual power. 2:23b

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Colossians 3: 1 - 4 NLT

How To Live The New Life

We should set our affections, desires and passions on heavenly matters. Let's keep looking towards Christ.

3:1 "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand".

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Colossians 3: 1 - 4 NLT

We should focus your thoughts on heavenly things – God's economy, not this earthly, worldly economy.

3:2 "Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth".

We must remember that our old life is dead and our new life is hidden with Christ in God!

3:3 "For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God".

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Colossians 3: 1 – 4 NLT

We will share in all Christ's glory, when He is revealed to the whole world.

^{3:4} And when Christ, who is your^[a] life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

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Colossians 3: 1- 4 NLT

SUMMARY & CLOSING REMARKS

Four things to remember as we close

1. We must remember to keep the main thing the main thing.
2. The main thing is to remember, the Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ, and to live our lives in the faith practice and reality of that fact.

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Colossians 1: 1 – 8 NLT

3. We must remember that our belief must affect our behaviour.
4. We must remember that our Faith must affect our practice.

Living the New Life

Colossians 2:20-3:4

²⁰ You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, ²¹ "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? ²² Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. ²³ These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

¹Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ²Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

KEY TAKEAWAY POINTS

1. Focus your mind on what Christ has done
Col 3:1-2
2. Focus your mind on what Christ will do
Col 3:3-4
3. Our old life was crucified with Christ
4. Christ has set us free from our past, our mistakes, our failures, our shame, our sins.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!