

Colossians 3:1-11
Christ, Who
Is Our Life

Col. 2:6 Therefore *as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,*
7 *having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established*
in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

“We are far more tolerant of sin polluting our lives than we are of bacteria polluting our drinking water.”

(The outline for today will be listed on the following slides)

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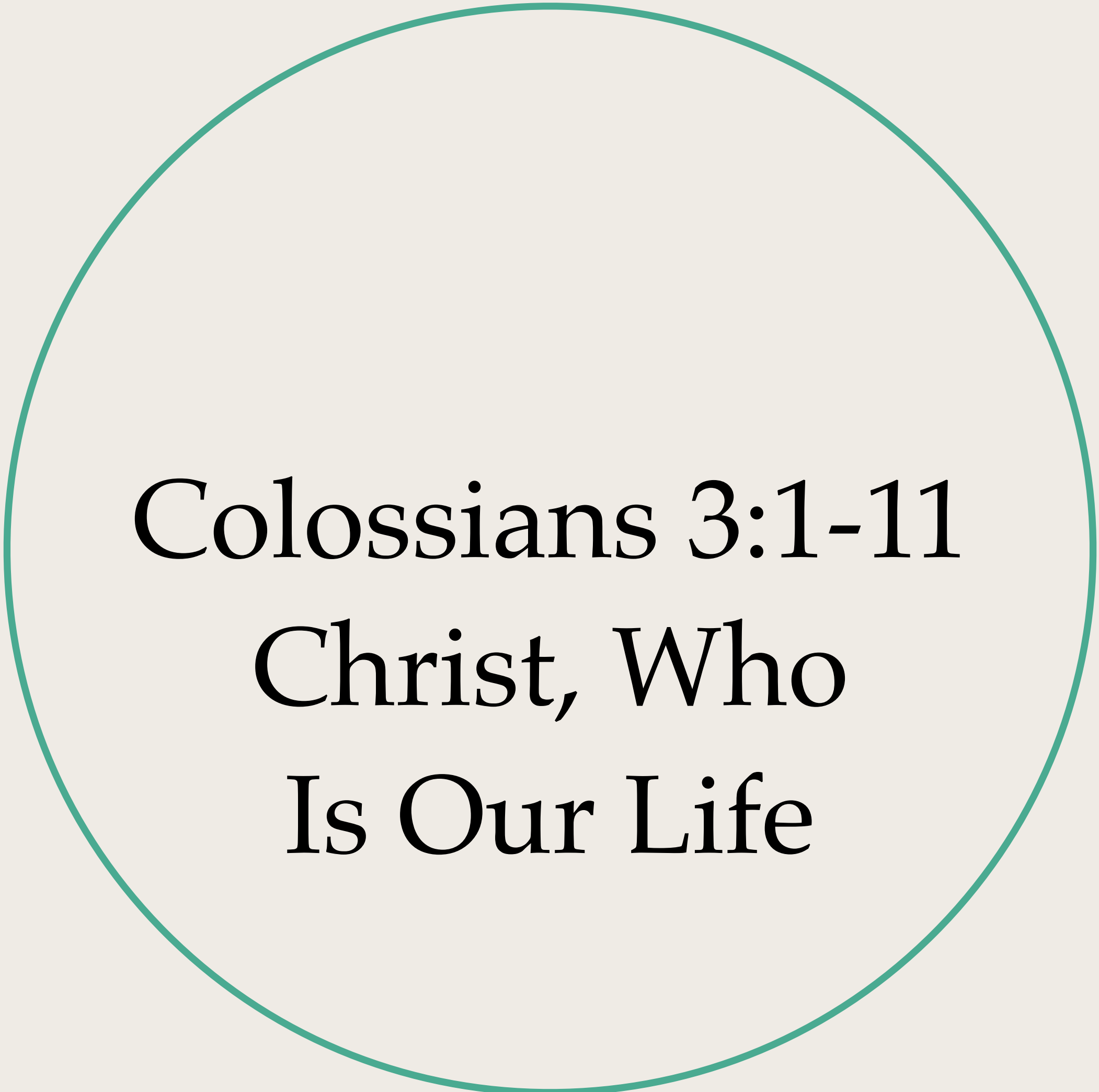
Colossians 3:1 Therefore if **you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the **things above, not on the things that are on earth**. 3 For **you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God**. 4 When **Christ, who is our life,** is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

2. Put aside disobedient, selfish things (examples given).

Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to **immorality**, impurity, passion, **evil desire**, and **greed**, which amounts to **idolatry**. 6 For it is because of these things that **the wrath of God** will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you also, **put them all aside:** anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9a Do not lie to one another,

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Colossians 3:9b ...since **you laid aside the old self** with its evil practices, 10 and have **put on the new self** who is being **renewed** to a true knowledge according to **the image of the One** who created him— 11 a **renewal** in which there is **no distinction** between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but **Christ is all, and in all.**



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Our godliness comes from being in Christ, dying with Christ and being raised with Christ (restoration/newness of life).