Colossians 3:1-17 • Seeking the Things Above

1. (v.1-11) We’re not just supposed to KNOW that our position is “**above**”, but to ACT as though it’s “**above**”.
   1. This is accomplished by **setting our minds on the things above**. (v.2)
   2. This is accomplished by **considering our earthly body as dead**. (v.5)
   3. This is accomplished by **putting aside sinful behaviors that affect relationships**. (v.8-9)
   4. This is accomplished by **putting ON the new self**. (v.10)
2. (v.12-17) Paul’s 8 additional imperatives for Christian **living**.
   1. “**Put on a heart…**” (v.12)
   2. “**Bear with one another**” (v.13a)
   3. “**Forgive one another**” (v.13b)
   4. “**Put on love**” (v.14)
   5. “**Let the peace of Christ rule**” (v.15)
   6. “**Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you**” (v.16)
   7. “**Do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus**” (v.17a)
   8. “**Give thanks through Him**” (v.17b)
3. Summary: One seeks the things “**above**” by pursuing loving relationships “**below**”.