



Rooted in Him

Session #10

Colossians 3:1-17

“Masterpieces in Progress”

Start

1. Having you ever experienced feelings of anxiety or jealousy over the thought that you were missing out on something?

a. Examples

- i. *Trying to decide between two delicious options at a restaurant*
- ii. *Comparing your circumstances with someone else's*

2. What kinds of things are you most concerned about missing out on? Why?

3. In Colossians 3, Paul says that we as followers of Jesus are 'hidden' in Him. What do you think it means to be 'hidden in Jesus'?

Watch



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Read Colossians 3:1-17 and Discuss

4. *In Colossians 3, Paul tells Christians to cut out things in their lives like lust, greed, evil desires, anger and lying and instead start acting with kindness, mercy, humility, patience and forgiveness. In other words, start living right.* Have you ever found yourself trying really hard to ‘live right’ only to be continually frustrated with failure? Did you notice here that Paul says nothing about effort or trying harder? What is the strategy that Paul gives believers for changing how they live?
 - a. *See yourself correctly. Stop looking at yourself the way the world sees you and start seeing yourself as God's work of art and a citizen of His Kingdom because this is who you really are. Stop living like a block of marble and start living like a masterpiece.*
5. *In Ephesians 2:10, Paul says that we are God's workmanship (His works of art) created in Jesus.* How often do you think of yourself this way? How is this perspective different from how the world sees you or how you see yourself?
6. If you were to consistently see yourself as God's work of art, how might it change the way you live? If you were to consistently see other believers as God's works of art, how might it change the way that you relate to other people?
7. *In this passage, Paul basically describes two outcomes for people. “You and I are either going to be molded and remade into the image of God, or we will allow ourselves to continually be shaped into something that does not resemble Him at all.” In other words, all of us will either experience God's righteousness or God's wrath.* In the past, when you have thought about God's wrath, what images came to your mind?



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8. How do these images differ from the description of God's wrath that Brian offered in the video? How are they similar?

a. Key Points on God's Wrath From the Video

i. *Our misguided thinking and behavior is not just the reason we are punished. Our misguided thinking and behavior is the punishment! It is the source of our suffering.*

1. *Analogy – Drug Addict*

ii. *God's wrath is God giving people over to their misguided thinking. He allows people to have what they are unwilling to give up.*

1. *It's not as much about what God does to us, but rather what He allows us to do to ourselves.*

2. *God allows a person to keep their chisel, and inevitable, when we are left to sculpt ourselves, we will destroy ourselves.*

9. In what ways has this session challenged you?