

## Questions:

1. What is your favourite film/film opening and why?
2. What do you think of the idea that spiritually we are with Christ in Heaven & what implications that may have for us?
3. When do you find it easiest to be a Christian & when do you find it hardest?
4. How aware are you & I of any areas of life where we might be vulnerable to take wrong options?
  - What helps us deal with those situations?
5. What relationships do we find hardest?
  - How might we help each other deal with them?
6. How much can world movements help/inform our thinking/attitude towards relationships/each other? Should they?
7. How applicable do you think Paul's words on relationships are for the 21st Century?
8. Are there any particular thoughts/actions you will take away from our study of Colossians together?

## 9. For reflection

Try and spend some time (either on your own or with others), perhaps with some instrumental music you find helpful or with a lit candle or whatever helps you focus on Christ, and reflect on either Colossians 4:2-6 or the words of Richard Rohr quoted in the notes

Ask for Christ to enter into any situations you are facing or relationships you are finding difficult or allow him to speak in any particular way to you.



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# Sermon Notes

**Colossians 3:1-4:6**

**Final Destination**

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-4:6 Final Destination

### 1. Colossians - the movie:

- a) The widescreen shot - the person of Christ - chapter 1
- b) The general shot - the people of Christ - chapter 2
- c) The close up shot - the people of Christ living with the person of Christ - chapter 3

### 2. Responding to the love revealed in Christ - Colossians 3:1-4

Setting our minds on the things of Christ

Living spiritually with Christ in heaven

Living life in the light of our changed spiritual status

### 3. L - life

- a) With Christ in a 24/7 relationship
- b) Not just Sunday best
- c) Work, rest and play issue

### 4. O - options

- a) To follow Christ
- b) Before opting to follow Christ (Colossians 3:5-9)
- c) After opting to follow Christ (Colossians 3:10)
- d) New clothes for a new life
- e) Hanging on to our old wardrobe
- f) Working out where we are vulnerable & having barriers/boundaries

### 5. V - values

- a) The new wardrobe (Colossians 3:12-17)
- b) Chosen by God - you are worth it!

- c) Dealing with disagreement  
'Forgiven people forgive people' Max Lucado
- d) Focusing on the positive
- e) Being willing to change
- f) The ultimate stand

### 6. E - evolving

- a) Close relationships (Colossians 3:18-21)
- b) 'It is so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life' Rita Rudner
- c) The world in which Paul was writing
- d) Submit/love issues - relevance to today?
- e) Overriding principle (Colossians 3:17)  
'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'

### 7. Loving Christ and being loved by Christ

- a) 'God cannot not see his son Jesus in you. You are the body of Christ. You are the bone of God's bone, and that's why God cannot stop loving you. That's why no amount of effort will make God love you any more than God loves you right now. And despite your best efforts to be terrible, you can't make God love you any less than God loves you right now.' Richard Rohr
- b) The ultimate aim (Colossians 4:2-5)
- c) The ultimate friend (Colossians 2:15-20)

