

READ

Colossians 3:1-11

CONSIDER

Many of us have probably been told that “you are what you eat” at some point in our lives, possibly by a parent when you were eating junk food. The reality is that whatever we give ourselves to will be what shapes us. John Mark Comer in his recent book *Practicing the Way* notes that if you are not being intentionally formed by Jesus, you are being unintentionally formed by something else.

This is why it is important for us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and “set our heart on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” When we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, we are formed in the way of Jesus and can overcome “whatever belongs to your earthly nature.”

We are thankful to have Rev. Freddy Lam come and share with us as we continue in our series through Colossians.

See you Sunday.

Pastor Tim Sreedharan

PRAY

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

Father, as you have made us a new creation, may your Spirit continue to guide us as we go forth and implore others to be reconciled to God. Amen.

DIVING DEEPER

Read v1-5. V1 starts with the word “since.” Looking back through Colossians, what is the significance of that?

In your life, how have you set your heart on things above?

Read v5-10. What do people struggle to put to death from their earthly nature? What area do you struggle to surrender to Christ?

Read v9. Where else in Scripture do you see this imagery of old self and new self (see 2 Cor 5:17)? How is it connected with the imagery of baptism?

Read v11. What does it mean that there are no longer any differences between certain groups? What does this mean about the nature of the gospel?