

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 2:16-23

You Are Not Still Alive in the World

INTRODUCTION

ALIVE IN THE WORLD

Alive in the World vs. Alive in Christ

Alive in the World for the Colossians

Alive in the World for Us Today

1. *Being a spiritual person is kinder than being a biblical Christian.*
2. *Homosexuality and transgenderism are normal and feminism is good for the world*
3. *Marriage can be whatever we want it to be*
4. *Each person has his own reality and there's no such thing as objective goodness*
5. *The purpose of government is to take care of all our needs*
6. *Our true nature is ours to determine*
7. *To love someone is to affirm whatever they want affirmed*
8. *The local church plays a small role in God's plan of salvation*

ALIVE IN CHRIST

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this message is that in Christ alone, and through God's Word alone, can we see the world and our place in it as they truly are. Looking through any other lens always leads to a distorted perspective and a disordered life. The main takeaway is to carefully consider where we're seeing the world through a worldly lens and replace it with the lens of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What does it mean to be alive in the world? What does it mean to be alive in Christ?
3. How often are you conscious of the fact that life is a series of choices between living as if you are alive in the world or Christ?
4. Can you explain the difference between being alive in Christ and living consistently with that?
5. Where are you primarily tempted toward living as though you were still alive in the world?
6. Which of the eight contemporary worldly temptations listed above stands out to you the most? Why?
7. Can you name one lie that is still in seed form in you, one that has grown into a plant, and one that is bearing fruit?
8. How important is it to be kind? How does that show up in your life?
9. Is it ever difficult for you to discuss a biblical view of homosexuality, transgenderism, feminism, or marriage? Why?
10. How are you acting as if you create the reality that creates you?
11. On a scale of 1-10, how Christian is your view of the world and your place in it? How can you move up one number?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Watch [The Truth Project](#) or read a good book on a Christian view of the world (consider books by Nancy Pearcey, Carl Trueman, Rosaria Butterfield, or R.C. Sproul).
14. Interview someone who does not have the mind of Christ. Find out what they believe about any of the eight issues covered in the sermon and why they believe those things. Ask if they've ever heard a thoroughly Christian perspective on that issue.
15. Find someone to study one of the eight issues with. Ask your elder for recommended resources if you need them.
16. Find one way to untangle a worldly perspective or involvement with the government, church, and family in your life.
17. Share the gospel with an unbeliever or a marvelous work of God you witnessed with a Christian this week.
18. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God that He is creator, king, and righteous judge. Praise God that He is the source and substance of all that has been made. Praise God that He is omniscient, omnipotent, and faithful. Praise God that He is sovereign, wise, and good.
20. Confession. Confess any ways you are living as if you were still alive in the world. Confess any times you've been afraid or embarrassed to share the mind of Christ. Confess any ways you've abdicated your responsibility to earnestly seek the things above. Confess any ways you've sought to define reality instead of conforming to it or to be God rather than serve God.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for all that Jesus is and promises for all who trust in Him. Thank God for giving us a sufficient savior in Jesus Christ. Thank God for His justifying and sanctifying grace in your life. Thank God for every ounce of satisfaction He's worked for you in Jesus. Thank God for increasingly giving you the mind, heart, and life of Christ.
22. Supplication. Ask God to free us from the temptation to live as if we were still alive in the world. Ask Him to give us the mind of Christ. Ask God to make us wise, loving, and courageous as we share His truth with the world.