



Continue To Reach Upward Inward Outward

Col. 3:1-2

I. Reaching Upward – Col. 2:6-7

- ❖ Reaching upward has to do with being connected with God.
- ❖ Our reaching upward toward God is an ongoing walking with Christ and a being rooted and growing in Christ.

II. Reaching Inward – Col. 3:12-16

- ❖ Individually each of us have to put our faith in Jesus, and depend upon the salvation Christ offers, and walk faithfully in Christ.
- ❖ Each of us have to live the Christian life as an individual, but that doesn't mean we go at it alone.
- ❖ When we become a Christian, God makes us a member of His family, which is the body of Christ, the church.
- ❖ When we are effectively loving each other in the church, truly being the family of God and the body of Christ, then the world will take notice.

III. Reaching Outward – Col. 4:2-6

- ❖ Paul reaching outward begins with prayer. Praying for opportunity to share the good news.
- ❖ Paul reaching outward continues with being wise in the way we act toward believers.
- ❖ Paul reaching out includes the ability to be gracious in our speech so that we know how to approach each person, to be able to answer their questions, and touch their hearts.
- ❖ God wants us to be reaching out, because it is God's will for everyone to hear the good news and have the opportunity to believe it and obey it.
- ❖ One of the primary ways that God wants to reach the lost is through us.