

Sermon Guide for February 22, 2026

Sermon Title: “Look Up”

Primary Text: Colossians 3:1-8

This week we were reminded that while the battle against our **old** Sin nature is serious, we have our victory found not in our own efforts but through the work of Jesus on the Cross. We know that we have **victory** because Christ won the Victory! We were also reminded that we often have a tendency to look **horizontally** and **inward**, where we are called, *commanded* to set our attentions **vertically**, to Christ who sits enthroned and advocating on our behalf.

Pastor Zach referenced several worship songs. Here are links so that you can listen in your personal worship this week:

Behold Our God (Sovereign Grace)

<https://youtu.be/67TvJwTTdxA?si=UAh2rfJcLpTMwhrM>

Before the Throne of God (Sovereign Grace)

<https://youtu.be/WniCh60vCb0?si=Uwrfu7UC5wRRPM6m>

I See the Lord (Vertical Worship)

https://youtu.be/w1QACHMq_lg?si=77l4XEKLfpmRO3wl

Victory in Jesus (*Sing! Hymnal*, performed by Kristyn Getty, Matt Bosewell, Matt Papa, et.al)

<https://youtu.be/lfaWN8vSjzs?si=rcS6POBfalRm1BBI>

The Lord is My Salvation (performed by Shane and Shane)

https://youtu.be/AFkGH64pMMw?si=ozfXzCfwpGWBC_Wx

Questions to Consider this week:

- How does **Jesus Christ's** victory reframe the way I look at difficulties? How does it change the way I look at others in my family/at work/at church?
- Am I tempted to “give ground” to sinful patterns in my life? How does an “upward” focus change the way I look at those things?
- Where are areas of my life I'm prone to look **Horizontally** instead of **Vertically**? Why do those things seem more difficult than others?

Guided Prayer

*Lord Jesus, You sit in Glory – pleading on my behalf. You are victorious over Sin – and that includes the areas in **my** life I'm struggling with today. Thank You that we can be victorious because You've already won. Remind me every day to 'look up' and remember You will return in Glory – and that Your glory is ours! -AMEN*