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# <u>"The Look of Faith"</u>

"Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." (Psalm 34:5)

#### Look - To Scan, to look intently at, to regard with pleasure

# The 'Uplook'

<u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> – (1) "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (3) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

### Look Out Below

<u>Colossians 3:5-10</u> – (5) "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (6) On account of these the wrath of God is coming. (7) In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. (8) But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. (9) Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices (10) and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."

# **Community Outlook**

<u>Colossians 3:12-14</u> – (12) "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (14) <u>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony</u>."

#### Key Point: We Set Our Sight upon what We Delight

#### **Daily Practical Faith Checklist:**

Look at Jesus \_\_ Clean Up \_\_ Be a Blessing \_\_

#### Thoughts:

- (1) Looking to Jesus is a Process
- (2) Looking to Jesus is an Exercise
- (3) Looking to Jesus is not an Option

# **Questions**:

What impacted me the most in this message? Is the Faith-Walk a complicated thing? (Rom. 10:4-8) What comes first, cleaning yourself up, or coming to/looking to Jesus? (Ps. 139:23-24; James 4:8) What are we to walk/live by? (2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 10:38)