



deep: MORE OF GOD, DEEPER INTO ME

How deep into God can you go?

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

Week 3 of 4

REVIEW: HOW DEEP IS YOUR FREEDOM?

Acknowledge Bob McFadden // not recorded // key principle I don't want us to miss

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

The Christian life is not about rules... but living "in Christ"

We received Christ through ***faith*** and ***baptism*** (v. 12).

We continue in Christ by...

rooted and built up // strengthened by faith // overflowing with thankfulness
[[PRAY]]

ILL: slowly getting used to the ocean // feel that way about God // Benny Hinn

HOW DEEPLY INTO GOD CAN YOU GO?

Colossians 3:1-4

Compare 2:12, 2:20, 3:1, 3:3

You are already ***all the way*** in!

TR: We are all the way into God, but the stuff of this earth is trying to pull us back out.

1. OUR ***thoughts*** PULL US AWAY FROM GOD.

vv. 1-4

ILL: Distracted from Jen // refocus -> joy // earthly relationship??

- ▶ What do I let ***into*** my mind?
- ▶ What do I let ***swirl*** around in my mind?
- ▶ Do I think of those things the way ***God does***?

2. OUR ***desires*** PULL US AWAY FROM GOD.

vv. 5-7

The body wants pleasure, and it doesn't care how it gets it.
God knows that some pleasure leads to greater pleasure and some to less.

3. OUR ***divisiveness*** PULLS US AWAY FROM GOD.

vv. 8-11

All forms of filthy language are inherently divisive. // Line in the sand
I'm in God, You're in God, we are together. Divisiveness pulls me out.

SO WHAT?

vv. 12-17

If you are linked with Christ, you are already as deep into God as you can be.

But living deeply in God means living ***deeply*** in
community with other believers, and deeply in
commitment to his ***honor*** above all things.

Living deeply in community solves problems 1 & 3
living committed to his honor solves problem 2

REFLECTION: TURN TO SOMEONE AND "ADMONISH" THEM
BY TELLING THEM WHAT YOU LEARNED TODAY.

YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD.