



UPWARD *and outward*

God's Vision for Us
as a Church Family

Part II

Life ... As It Was Meant To Be Lived

Sermon 2 of a 9 week series

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II Life ... As It Was Meant To Be Lived

Ephesians 1:3-6; 2:1-5, 15b-22; 4:1, 17-18; 5:1-2, 8

**To focus upward
is to keep our eyes riveted
to what God is doing.
It's to notice how
he's unfolding The Plan.**

With eyes fixed on the Lord, we can't help but notice he's doing something revolutionary in Jesus Christ – he's re-creating *LIFE!* In particular, he's filling our lives with three new components: a new family, a new mission, and a new glory!

As people alive in Christ, we must re-orient ourselves to these identity markers. We must view ourselves not merely as individuals, but as members of a family; we must walk no longer randomly, but missionally; we must aim not at our own glory, but God's.

And we must ask ourselves, has our identity truly undergone this transformation? And if so, how has it changed our lives?

Fasten your seat-belt, and enjoy working through the following questions on page 4.

II Sermon Questions & Discussion

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1 For insight into the new 'family,' look carefully at Ephesians 2:14-19. How did the Lord bring many different people – even strangers and aliens – under one Father and into the same family?

2 Notice how Paul uses the word 'walk' in Ephesians – 4:1; 5:2, 8 – to describe our 'mission' as a family in Christ. Using these verses (and their contexts), how would you describe the mission? Are you fulfilling it? Are we at Camelback fulfilling it?

3 There are many references in Ephesians to the 'glory' of God. See Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14; and 3:21. What does it mean to glorify God? Why is it the ultimate end of God's new family? How are you glorifying God? How are we at Camelback?.