

NEW IN 2022

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09 JANUARY 2022 | NEW SPECS (COLOSSIANS 2:1-9)

MESSAGE OUTLINE

I. LOOK AT THE SPECS

Will it hold? Will it work? Will it fit?

II. TYPES OF CHRISTIANS

Type A attend & associate but avoid conversation

Type B believe & behave & bet that's good enough

Type C: community + confidence + consistency

III. NEW SPECS {Colossians 2:1-9}

↳ Consistency (v)

Grounded in truth

Growing in faith

↳ Confidence (v)

Courageous action

Hopeful attitude

↳ Community (v)

"Knit together in love"

IV. RATE, RAISE, THEN RUN

"If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time."

-Zig Ziglar

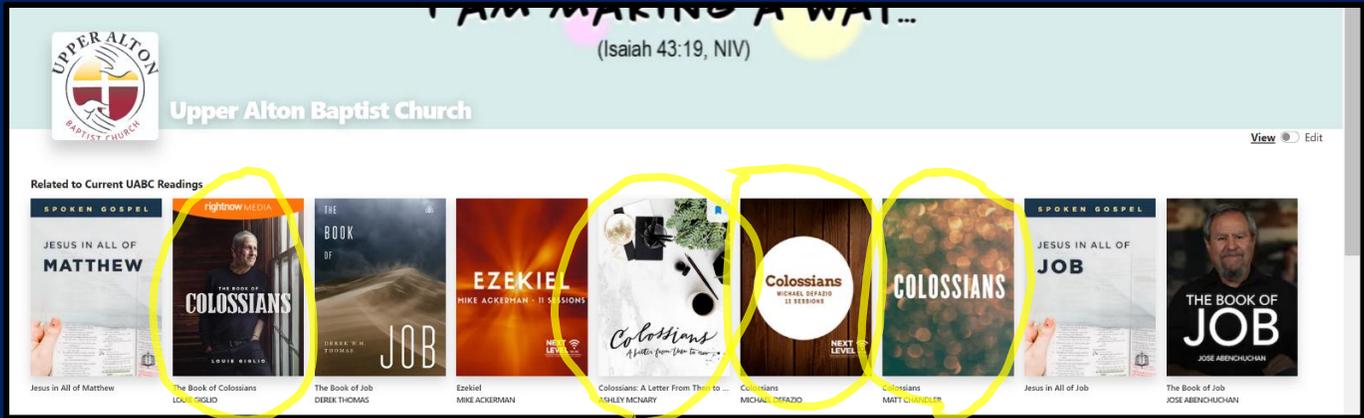
What's your target? | What's your tactic?

GOING DEEPER

- 1 What goals have you already set out for yourself this year? How might these goals bring about a closer relationship with Jesus?
- 2 Jesus-followers are described as "new creations" (2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15). Agree or disagree: *God expects each Christian to always have something new going on in his/her spiritual development.*
- 3 The sermon mentioned three types of Christians. In the last 3 years, how much has each of these characterizations described you?
- 4 What is your reaction to hearing that becoming like Christ means being part of a community that is "knit together in love"?
- 5 The confidence we have in Christ propels us into "courageous action." What is an activity, conversation, or act of service for which you want to have more courage? Take a moment now to name that in prayer.
- 6 A "hopeful attitude" – in the face of despairing circumstances, especially – is also part of our confidence in Christ. List 3 difficult situations in your life, in your family, or in the world. Then, discern what a "hopeful attitude" will look like when facing each situation.
- 7 Staying grounded in God's Truth is a product of Bible-reading, prayer, and fellowshiping with the community of Jesus-followers. Is there one of these that you feel the Spirit is leading you to pursue more in 2022?

Looking for more?

Use our church's RightNow Media access to get more in-depth teaching on Colossians. If you haven't received an invitation in your email, let us know and we'll make sure you get one.



- 8 Our faith grows on 3 edges: having accurate beliefs & understanding about God, having trust & relationship with God, and doing what's good & right for God. In which have you grown the most in the past year, and in which do you desire to grow the most this coming year?
- 9 Colossians 1:27 is possibly the most important verse in the whole letter to the Colossians. How does that verse inform or impact your understanding of this week's sermon and the text 2:1-9?
- 10 Do you think any of these habits will be helpful as you aim to let Christ live in you this week?
- Daily prayer time
 - Daily Bible reading
 - Ask my pastor a question about the Bible or Jesus
 - Memorize Scripture
 - Start a small group
 - Watch/listen to Bible study videos
 - Listen to worship songs
 - Do an act of kindness for someone in my church family
 - Spend a day in fasting & prayer
 - Meet with a believing friend
 - Send an encouraging message to someone
 - Offer to pray with a friend/neighbor/coworker

Colossians 2:1-9 (NLT)

¹I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. ²I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. ³In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. ⁵For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

⁶And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

⁸Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.