

- **What Can We Do In Christ? - Part 1**

Rocklyn Clarke Sr. - Sunday April 9, 2017

© 2017 Life Church Ministries, Inc.

<http://www.LifeChurchBoston.org/>

- **Read the Passages: Colossians 1-2**

- ▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand what we can do in Christ.
- Understand the real nature of church life.
- Remember what God's up to: changing the world.
- In Christ you can live a life worthy of the Lord - go out and make a difference!

- ▼ **Understand what we can do in Christ.**

- ▼ Live a life worthy of the Lord (Colossians 1:10-12):

- ▼ Please the Lord in every way.

- We can know the mystery of God's will. - Ephesians 1:9

- ▼ Bear fruit in every good work.

- Good works. - Ephesians 2:10

- ▼ Grow in the knowledge of God.

- Put it into practice! Matthew 7:24-27

- ▼ Be strengthened with all power.

- Approach God with freedom and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Ephesians 3:12
- We can live rooted and built up in Christ Jesus, strengthened in the faith, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:7)
- Joyfully give thanks to the Father.

- ▼ **Understand the real nature of church life.**

- Parable of the Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30

- ▼ "Church people" has always included, currently includes and, until Jesus comes back, will include:

- People who are hypocrites rather than actual followers of Jesus,
- Christians who are not committed to spiritual growth,
- Christians who are becoming mature,

- Christians who are mature.
- Don't give your pearls to pigs! - Matthew 7:1-6
- Don't just CALL him Lord! - Matthew 7:21-23

▼ **Remember what God's up to: changing the world.**

- We're "in" on God's plan. - Ephesians 1:9-10
- Reconciling everything to himself. - Colossians 1:19-20

▼ **In Christ we can live lives worthy of the Lord - go out and make a difference!**

- Creation Is Waiting - Romans 8:18-27

▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions:**

- Are you living a life worthy of the Lord?
- What comes to mind when you think about pleasing the Lord in every way?
- Are you growing in the knowledge of God?