

The new You **Colossians 3:1-4**

We have a new life because of Jesus Christ death burial & resurrection. Our old life died w/ him, was buried w/ Him thru baptism & now we are raised w/ Him in spiritual life--old is past away new life is begun. Our position is secure in Christ, now we are to practice our new life in Christ. Pagan religion cared nothing about morals & worship-**no change**. Ours is relationship...*married person not on dating app or cruising night life or messing around*. Pagans **do** believers **don't**. Our **position** in Christ needs to be put into **practice** for Christ. Ch 1,2 Doctrine: all sufficiency of Christ who is God come in flesh. Ch 3,4 Practice: faith in Jesus seen in a life lived.

Our eyes & heart on heaven, where we're headed not on old life of sin in world—Ch 1,2 What Jesus had done for us--our privileges & who we are, A child of God Ch 3,4 how we are to live as a child of God.

1 If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Paul in Ch 1,2 dealt w/ mans religion of legalism, asceticism & mysticism which could not do what God has done---giving victory over '*fleshly indulgences*' thru faith in our risen Lord. **Rom 6:11-**

If - therefore, if in fact, since you have been raised...set your mind, strive for things above...start of spiritual life & continue in, 4 x Christ emphatically used to refer to our Lord, as our Mediator, Prophet, Priest, & King.

Spurgeon--very often we are seeking the things below as if we had not yet attained to the new life, and did not know anything about the resurrection power of Christ within the soul.

Keep seeking, Catching the spirit of the things above, being "heavenly-minded" Phil 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.,

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Raised together...we've enter the spiritual realm of death to sin, buried w/ Christ (*w/o power*) & raised in power...made alive w/ Christ & having ability to know & understand spiritual things **1Cor 2:6-16**

We are *seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus Eph 2:6* which is the place of honor & privilege. Jesus at right hand—Co-equal, Co-eternal, Co-powerful place of authority & glory. *Mark 16:19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.*

We have a new life, a new love & a new home in heaven so prepare for it...we are headed to another world & leaving this one behind. Our attention & anticipation is to be w/ Christ in heavenly places.

We are to live this life preparing for the next, not overly concerned for the temporaries but for eternal things, heavenly bliss, no death, no sin, no Satan, no sorrow, no pain, no temptation, total love & harmony, joy & freedom, peace & tranquility, no prejudice, no crime...A life God always intended for us.

2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. "Practice occupying your minds with the things above

Set your mind, affections seeking heavenly things...our desires & wants '*where treasure is there will your heart be also*' *Matt 6:21*...Acquaint yourself w/ them...*Ps 27:4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to meditate in His temple.* To be spiritually minded benefits our life & peace—**All we see & experienced on earth is thru lens of seated in heaven**

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We are just passing thru Heb 11:13-16 Directed thoughts heaven ward. 'as a man thinks in his heart so is he Pr 23:7 Inner compass of heart pointing to word of God.

We see our position in Christ...God came in flesh...Godhead made manifest....He is all sufficient for life & godliness...Now we look at HTW as a believer in Christ, being born again by His spirit...walking close to Lord.

Some ask how close to sin can I get & still be saved...wrong question...should be how close to Christ can I get because I'm saved...*keep seeking*—a continual, constant lifestyle.

Old astronomers taught; earth was the center of the universe & that all else revolved around it. Ptolemy was the first (A.D. 127-51), one of the most eminent of the scientific men of ancient times. It took 1300 years to realize we are not the center. Copernicus (A.D. 1473-1543) demonstrated that the sun was the centre, w/ the earth & all else revolving around it. **Before Christ we were the center of our universe—now Son is.**

Dr Philpot declares that in our natural, fallen state in Adam...we have no affection for anything else. There is no such thing as a spiritual desire or a heavenly affection in our soul when we are in a state of unregeneracy. So fallen are we that we love & cannot but love the world, & the things of the world. We have no heart for anything but the things of time & sense—no, rather, as our carnal mind is enmity against God, we hate everything which is spiritual, heavenly, & holy. One main part, therefore, of the work of God upon the soul is to take off our affections from these earthly things, & to fix them upon Jesus where He sits enthroned above, that we may love & hate those things which He loves & hates.

Now heaven guides our walk on earth...Heart in heaven feet on earth...*Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth & in my life as it is in heaven.* Abraham

Heb 11:9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect & builder is God.

Moses *Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.*

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It has been recorded that Michael Angelo after painting the Sistine chapel ceiling had for so long intensely looked upward at his masterpiece that he found it difficult to look or read except in that posture.

Blind boy w/ kite..I can feel the pull

3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Died, old life & new life hid in Christ for safety, security, identity. ***Jn 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. Pie hidden - Jn 14:19 "After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also. We see thru a glass dimly-obscurely-imperfectly. 1pet 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.***

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Christ coming for the church is called the **Rapture** & His second coming is w/ the church in judgment & Millennial reign

1Thes 4:13-18 & second coming **Rev 19:11-16** ***'Looking for the blessed hope John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world..***

2Thes 1:7b the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power; 12 in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, & you in Him, according to the grace of our God & the Lord Jesus Christ.