

Colossians 3.1-4 – Christ, Our Life!

Main Idea Of The Text: As Believers, Christ Is Our Life, Therefore Be Heavenly Minded, Knowing You Are Hidden With Christ In God And Will Be With Him When He Comes Again.

Two Commands (vv. 1-2)

1. Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Verse 1)

- a. You are Raised with Jesus - Resurrected
 - i. See Eph 2.4-6; Rom 6.4; Phil 3.8-10
 - ii. We are United to Christ
- b. Seek the things above
 - i. See Mat 6.33; John 5.44
 - ii. Seek, Not to Possess the things above for they are already yours
 - iii. Seek to orient your lives on heavenly realities
 - iv. Things Above = Heaven (Gal 4.26 and Phil 3.13-14)
 - v. Heaven = Our Home, Our Hope
- c. Heaven = Where Christ Is Seated
 - i. Seated on Right Side = Honor (1 Kgs 2.19; Ps 110.1; Mk 10.35-37)
 - ii. All will bow before Him (Phil 2.9-11)
 - iii. Seated = Jesus Finished His Work (Heb 10.10-13)
 - iv. Believer's Union With Christ = We Are Seated With Christ In Heaven (Eph 2.5-6) – Our Christian Identity

2. Set Your Minds On Things Above, And The Things Of This Earth Will Grow Strangely Dim (Verse 2)

- a. Think = Not Just Intellectual, but a Matter of the Will
- b. *Ironic* – False Teachers focused on heavenly visions and the worship of angels: Severed From Christ – earthly, worldly (Col 2.19)

Two Certainties (vv. 3-4)

1. Grace Hides You With Christ In God (Verse 3)

- a. You Are Dead To...
 - i. The Elemental Spirits of the World (Col 2.20)
 - ii. Sin (Rom 6.1-2)
 - iii. The Law of Moses (Rom 7.4-6; Gal 2.19)
- b. You Are WITH Christ (Union with Christ)
 - i. In His Death (Col 2.20)
 - ii. In His Burial and
 - iii. In His Resurrection (2.12b-13)
 - iv. Seated in Heaven (Eph 2.5-6)

This union [Christ with believers] severs the tyranny of the powers of this world and provides us with all the power needed to live a new life. – Douglas Moo

- c. We Are Hidden With Christ
 - i. Our True Identity Is Veiled
 - ii. *Safe and Secure From All Alarms*
 - iii. Assurance Is Found ONLY In Christ
 - iv. Our Hope Is In Heaven (Col 1.5)

2. Christ Will One Day Appear In All His Glory (Verse 4)

- a. Christ Is Our Life (Gal 2.20; Phil 1.21)
- b. We Wait On The Lord Now To Be Revealed
- c. Colossians 1.26 // Colossians 3.3-4
 - i. The Mystery of the Gospel Was Hidden and then Revealed
 - ii. Christians Are Hidden Until Christ Appears Again
- d. At The Second Advent, The Image of God Will Be Restored (1 John 3.2; see also Col 1.15)