

1 **In the World,
But not
Of the World**

Colossians 3:1-4

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As those In, but not Of, this world...

our,

~ Values

~ Concerns

~ Priorities

expressed in our daily living,

reflect our NOTW identity and knowledge .

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Colossians ~

Foundation of truth: 1:13-20

Purpose and concern: 2:6-8

Specific problems: 2:16-19

Key concept: 2:9-15, 2:20-3:4

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v.1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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"... what is commended is not an apocalyptic or mystical preoccupation with the furniture of heaven... but a cast of mind, a settled way of looking at things, a sustained devotion to, and enactment of, a life cause."

James Dunn ~ *NIGTC Colossians*

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v.2-3

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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Secularism – its about Now

Humanism – its about Me

Materialism – its about Here

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Galatians 5:22-23

Matthew 5:2-10

Philippians 4:8

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"... our union with Christ means we no longer belong to the realm of this earth but to the heavenly realm; and [this] is possible because our union with Christ severs us from the tyranny of the powers of this world and provides us with all the power needed to live a new life."

Douglas Moo ~ *PNTC Colossians*

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For our own anticipation of the implications of this "mind on things above" and "life hidden with Christ in God."

Not weird behavior or claims...

But practical application in our relationships.

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v. 4

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Philippians 3:13-21

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