




AN IDENTITY MINDSET RESET

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4



If we share Christ's suffering
We will also share his glory.

Romans 8:17

AS GOD WILLS

HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD

If then you have been raised with Christ...

UNION WITH CHRIST

Everything He has experienced, we have spiritually experienced in Him...We were crucified with Him, we were buried with Him, we were resurrected with Him, and we have been raised with Him

Key Aspects of Union with Christ

It provides us with a new wisdom by which we
are able to understand the will of God,
justifying us from all unrighteousness and
empowering us to live a life pleasing to God

Colossians 3:1-4

“Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds (hearts) 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. When Christ who is your life appears, you will also appear with Him in glory

**THERE ARE TWO COMMANDS AND TWO
TRUTHS FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN
RAISED WITH CHRIST IN THESE FOUR
VERSES...**

THEY ARE IN THE FORM “IF...THEN”

TWO COMMANDS

IF RAISED

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above where Christ is
seated at the right hand
of God**

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TWO TRUTHS

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Command 1

SEEK THE THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS
SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

What Scriptures come to mind about seeking?

Hebrews 11:6: "Now without faith it is impossible to please God:
Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God, and his

since he who draws near to Him must believe that he exists, and that
righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you that
He rewards those that diligently seek Him"



How is this command in Colossians different from those?

Why is this important to the Colossians in the context of false teaching?

WHAT DOES BEING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD SIGNIFY?

What does the fact that He is seated mean to convey?

It is Finished!

Command 2

SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS OF HEAVEN, NOT THE CARES OF THE WORLD

a. It shifts from “seeking” to “thinking”

Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

Mark 7:21: Jesus said, “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery”

Proverbs 4:23: Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

I had an identity mindset reset which is exactly what happens when our hearts and minds are set on things above. It is true in salvation and it is true in our Christian life battles

A heart that desires evil will be blinded from seeing truth and the mind will suppress it; a heart that desires to go after God and what is good will align the mind with God’s values

b. There is a negative admonition to **NOT** set our minds on earthly things

What are some specific "earthly things" that tend to dominate your thoughts and affections?

How can you cultivate a mindset that is more focused on Christ and eternity?

HERE ARE FOUR THOUGHTS

- 1) Daily Spiritual disciplines – prioritize prayer, worship,
- 2) Daily habits of getting rid of distractions and negative influences and being in God's presence.
- 3) Become a servant and be engaged in acts of selfless service by prioritizing the needs of others.
- 4) Actively choose to be a person that has brought humility and hope.

**OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES: “SOME PEOPLE ARE SO
HEAVENLY MINDED THEY ARE OF NO EARTHLY GOOD.”**

**C. S. LEWIS: “YOU WILL FIND THAT THE CHRISTIANS
WHO DID MOST FOR THE PRESENT WORLD WERE THOSE
WHO THOUGHT MOST ABOUT THE NEXT.”**

TWO PRECIOUS TRUTHS

1. You died and your life is hidden with Christ in God

Galatians 2:20: *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ 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 up for me”*

“Died” in Greek is a past, completed action. It means my old life is dead and buried. The life I now live in the flesh is a new life, reconciled to God (hidden in Him).

The so-called wisdom of the false teachers was hidden from all but those who had secret knowledge, the initiated. Paul uses this same word they use for hidden when he writes in Colossians 2:3 “In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Hidden with Christ in God suggests that our true reality is hidden from the world’s understanding and influence. It also implies both ultimately it is a term of love and intimacy, it is equated with new life.

How does the concept of hiddenness challenge the way we are to approach our fears, our struggles, and our disappointments?

Truth number 2

**If raised, When He appears, you will appear
with Him (Christ) in glory**

- **we were crucified with Him, We died**

- **We will return with Him in Glory**

REDEMPTION IS COMPLETE!!!

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- 1. Reflecting on our identity “in Christ,” how does this challenge our prevailing focus on earthly things like success, health, wealth, and worry?**
- 2. Anticipating Christ’s return, how does this future hope impact our daily lives, especially during challenging and discouraging times?**