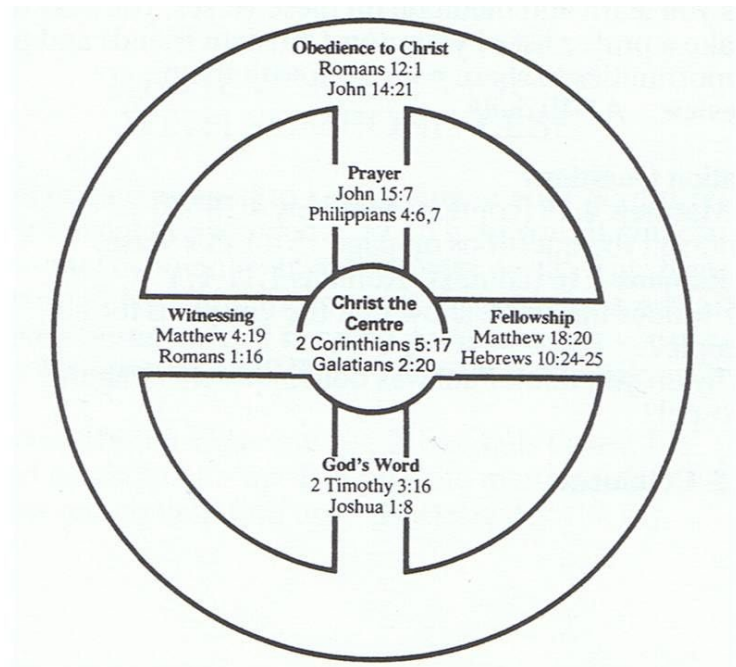
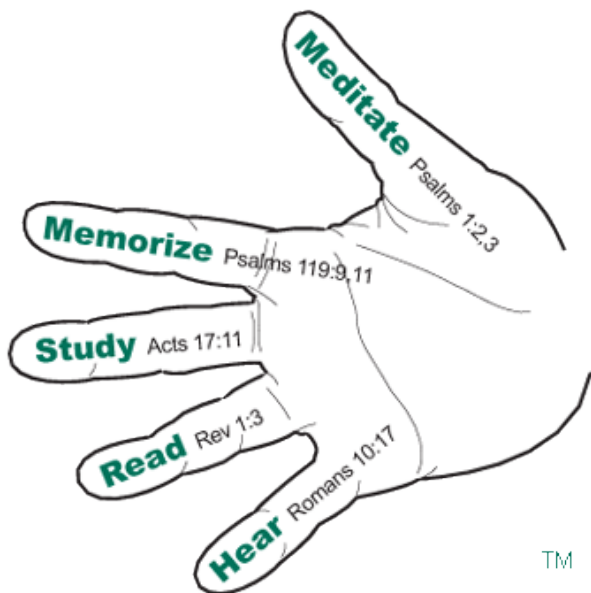


**“CHRIST ABOVE ALL”**  
**STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**  
**Walking in Christ Will Develop a Concrete Faith**  
**Colossians 3:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION:** Concrete is considered by many to be a strong and durable material. When used as an adjective, concrete also means solid. Here Paul is instructing the Colossians on how to become strong and durable for Christ in one’s faith.

**I. You Are A Heavenly Citizen, Live Out The Values In Heaven V1-4**

- A.** Paul urges the Colossians to *“think on things above”* rather than *“things on earth.”* (Philippians 3:20) He was challenging them to make Christ the center of their lives. Because Christ is what matters far more than what the world can offer. *How does one think on things above?*
- B.** Two key words “seek and set”. The Greek word for seek is *“Zeteo”*: meaning to seek in order to find or to crave. The Greek word for set is *“Phroneo”* : meaning to think, have a mind-set, which involves the will, affections, and conscience.
- C.** How?



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D. Our position in Christ is that we are crucified with Him. We died with Christ and have been raised to a new life. “If any man be in Christ he is a new creation! The old is gone and the new has come.” (II Corinthians 5:17)  
And we have the Rapture to look forward to. We will receive a new body and a soul separated from sin or the capacity to sin. (Romans 6:1-13) (V3-4)

II. The Flesh Will Not Seek After God’s Kingdom V5-10

A. Seeking after our flesh will lead us into “God’s Wrath”. This means that God must act justly and judge sin.

B. Works of the flesh are not always as obvious as the ones listed above. They can even be found within Christian ministry, as people try to gain popularity or self-worth under the guise of serving Christ.

C. The works of the flesh are in total contrast with the fruit of the Spirit, detailed in. (Galatians 5:22–23)

III. God’s Family Has No Distinctions V11

A. The city of Colossae included people from a wide variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

B. God’s family has no place for prejudice or partiality. This “*kingdom paradigm shift*” is seeking the kingdom above. (John13:35) (Romans 10:11-12) (Galatians 3:7-8)

**Luke 10:38-42**

**38** Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, *who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.* **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” **41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. *Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.*”

