

THE BIG CHANGE  
Colossians 3:1-17 (CSB)

*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

Colossians 3:1-2 (CSB)

1. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE of MINDSET.

*For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

Colossians 3:3-4 (CSB)

2. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE of SEXUAL ATTITUDES and BEHAVIOR.

*Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, <sup>7</sup>and you once walked in these things when you were living in them.*

Colossians 3:5-7 (CSB)

3. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE of VERBAL and WRITTEN SPEECH.

*But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator.*

Colossians 3:8-10 (CSB)

4. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE of IDENTITY.

*In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.*

Colossians 3:11 (CSB)

5. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE of RELATIONAL LIVING.

*Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.*

Colossians 3:12-15 (CSB)

6. Because of Easter, we are to have a BIG CHANGE under the AUTHORITY of the BIBLE.

*Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

Colossians 3:16 (CSB)

7. Because of Easter, we SURRENDER our LIVES to Jesus as Lord... this is a BIG CHANGE!  
*And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17 (CSB)