

What happens the moment we die?

How do we keep an eternal perspective while living in this world until we die?

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons. 1 Timothy 4:1

They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. 1 John 2:19

Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me. 2 Timothy 4:10

Set your minds on things above.

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

“Our minds are most full of heaven when our minds are most full of Christ.”

We cannot set our minds on things above if we have not been raised up with Christ.

Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ Colossians 3:1

What does it mean to be raised up with Christ?

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11*

The Spirit draws, seals and pledges us.

*Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too **might walk in newness of life**. Romans 6:4*

We cannot set our minds on things above if we are unwilling to seek Christ.

Keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1a

What does it mean to keep seeking the things above?

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:33-34

Keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1b

Why does Jesus want us to know where He is seated?

Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Romans 8:34

We cannot set our mind on things above if we are not hidden with Christ.

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

What does it mean to be hidden with Christ?

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4

In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Ephesians 4:22-24

We cannot set your minds on things above if we don't put off the old nature.

Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. Colossians 3:5

For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. Colossians 3:6-7

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices. Colossians 3:8-9

We cannot set your mind on things above if you don't put on the new nature.

And having put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. Colossians 3:9-10

An attitude that embraces diversity.

A renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:11

Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body: and be thankful. Colossians 3:14-15

A heart that embraces holiness.

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

A spirit that embraces forgiveness.

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:13

A mindset that embraces praise and thanksgiving.

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17