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This letter of Colossians was written by Paul, God's apostle to the Gentiles, to the newly established churches at Colosse and Laodicea located in modern day Turkey (1:2, 2:1, 4:13-16). Paul had never been there but taught these early Christians about the fulness of Jesus Christ (*His will, their status and standing in Him, His preeminence in all things, and His reconciling work through the cross*). Chapter two zoned in on their \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ (2:10) versus the **external** and **internal** conflicts that would come against genuine Christianity (*enticement, philosophy, deceit, traditions, rudiments of the world, and religion*). In this third chapter, Paul expounds on the realities of our two homes and our own personal internal struggle.

## OUR STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS – Colossians 3:1-7

### 1. Heaven is my Home – v. 1-4

- **If** we are dead and risen again \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, **then** there are some Heavenly realities – v. 1a, 3.  
*You are dead and risen again **with Christ** (Col. 2:11-14; Gal. 2:20) =*  
*Your life is hid **with Christ** in God \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 10:20; Php. 3:20; Eph. 2:5-6) =*
- Heaven is a literal geographical place \_\_\_\_\_ us in the northern sky where Jesus Christ sits at the Father's right hand – v. 1c; Mk. 16:19; Rom. 8:34; Ps. 48:1-2; Acts 7:48-49; Gal. 4:26; Rev. 4.
- Our internal **pursuit** and **passion** in life is to be focused on our \_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly destination – v. 1b-2; Matt. 6:10, 19-21; 2 Cor. 4:18-5:4; 2 Pet. 1:12-14.

**Seek** these things...**Set** your affection on these things:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ of saved men/women (Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:14; Job 26:2-4) =
- b. God, His throne, and His \_\_\_\_\_ word (Ecc. 5:2; Ps. 119:89) =
- Every believer is predestined to be with Him in glory – v. 4; Rom. 8:21-23, 26, 29-30; Php. 1:23; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Thess. 1:10; 1 John 3:1-3.

### 2. Earth is my Struggle – v. 5-7

- Keeping our eyes on Heaven and who we are in Christ are the keys to killing the things that afflict us in the reality of our \_\_\_\_\_ and its members – Rom. 6:1-14; 7:18-25; 1 Cor. 6:11, 16-18, 12:12.

*Fornication* = Sex and sexual activity outside of \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:18)

*Uncleanness* = A dirty, lust-filled \_\_\_\_\_

*Inordinate Affection* = \_\_\_\_\_ that are out of order

*Evil Concupiscence* = \_\_\_\_\_ that which is forbidden or unlawful

*Covetousness which is idolatry (Eph. 5:5)* =

- It is possible to have \_\_\_\_\_ over these sins and live differently in this dark, sensual world. Recognize who you are and separate yourself from all the junk (*through His power*) – Rom. 6:12; 2 Cor. 6:17-18; Php. 4:13.