


Colossians 3:1-7

Learning To Set Our Mind On
Things Above




Outline

Colossians 3:1-4 Our association with Christ
and our resulting affections

Colossians 3:5-11 Our disassociation with the
world and our resulting hatred

Colossian 3:12-4:6 Our association with Christ
and our new character



We Have Been Raised Already!

Colossians 3:1 Therefore if you have been
raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things
above, where Christ is, seated at the right
hand of God.

- εἰ οὖν = "if then" Col. 2:20 If then you have
died with Christ to the stoicheia of the world,
why as if you were living in the world, do you
submit yourself to decrees...
- Keep seeking = Matthew 6:33 But seek first
His Kingdom and His righteousness and all
these things will be added to you. (Matt 6:20)

Heaven Is A Real Place!

Colossians 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ **(is)** seated at the right hand of God.

➤ Is = εστιν “exists” John 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself that where I **(am)** you may **(be)** also.

Psalm 110:1 Yahweh’s declaration to Adonai: “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

We Must Think On Things Above

Colossians 3:2-4 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

➤ Set your mind (φρονεω) = to keep on giving serious consideration to something (imperative)

➤ Hidden (κρυπτω) = adjective form found in Colossians 2:3 (storehouse of treasures)

What Is Secret Will Be Made Visible

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➤ φανερωω = to cause to become visible Rom 3:21; 1st Cor 4:5; 2nd Cor 4:10; Rev 3:18

➤ When οταν + Then τοτε = timing indicators

➤ With συν = a marker of association

In Hope of Glory: Act!

Colossians 3:5-7 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, evil, desire, and greed which amounts to idolatry. 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.

- > immorality = πορνεία, impurity = ακαθαρσία
- desire = παθος
- > Sexual sins thrown forward for emphasis
- 1st Corinthians 6:18-20

Sin Is Idolatry


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- > Idolatry = worshipping another god!
- > Why is sin idolatry? (Hebrews 3:12-18)
- > What is its punishment? (Revelation 21:8)

We Have Left The Realm Of Sin

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- > Walking = Colossians 2:6-7
- > Living in them = Colossians 2:13

 **Praise Be To God**

- Old Life: Dead in trespasses = Dead to Christ
- New Life: Dead in Christ = Dead to trespasses

Memory verse:
Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.
