

# The Risen Life

Colossians 3: 1 – 4

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

# The Heavenly Focus. Vv. 1 -2

- Since you have been raised up with Christ:
- Keep seeking heavenly things.
  - Our minds are on Christ.
  - Christ is noted in position of power.
- Set your mind (heart).
  - On heavenly things.
  - Not on things that are on earth.
  - The values and goals of earth are temporal, and far below the value and goals of heaven.

# The Heavenly Lifestyle. Vv. 3 – 4.

- The Reason: You have died.
  - Christ's death on the cross is also our death to sin.
- The Result: Your life is hidden.
  - We share a common life with God the Father and Son.
  - That new life is concealed from this world.
  - We are eternally secure.
- The Reward: your concealment will be revealed.
  - Christ is your life. He not only gives life, He is life.
  - He will come again in glory and we will join in that glory.

# Conclusion

- Having died with Christ to our sins and raised to new life in Christ, we must seek heavenly things.
- Our mindset and heart's devotion is in heavenly things, where Christ sits in power, and not earthly values and goals.
- Our lives are hidden in Christ, but when He returns and receives universal glory we will join Him in that glory.
- Without heavenly focus we cannot live holy lives or reach our world with the gospel of salvation.