MESSAGE OUTLINE



COLOSSIANS 3:1-4, (ref. 5-15) NKJV

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

INTRODUCTION

The redemption of all things, has been inaugurated, but it has yet to be fully consummated.

Jesus' reign has been inaugurated, and He is seated at the right hand of the Father, but His second coming has yet to happen. We are living in the meantime.

So in the meantime, Paul gives us what we are supposed to do and how we are supposed to live. This is what chapter three of Colossians is all about and what we will be looking at today.

RE-VEALED

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. (v.1)

It is hard to be focused on heaven, where Christ is, while having so much going on down here.

"If you have died with Christ to the spiritual forces of the world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its regulations: "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" **Colossians 2:20-21**

Christianity does not teach escape from reality; rather, it teaches how to handle reality.

To seek what the consummated Kingdom of God is and what it will be like, while we are on the earth.

Are you in a habit of looking up? How often? Do you keep seeking those things that are above?

When Satan entered the presence of God, what was the first thing he wanted to talk about? The Earth.

Satan has an earthly obsession—**Is this you? Are you like this?**

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (v.3) **or... Am I dead?**

The fleshly mind cannot understand the Spiritual dimension.

But a believer *has been enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, and partakers of the Holy Spirit.* (Hebrews 6:4)

Do you want to know the truth? Receive Jesus, and you will be set free from this polluted world.

Jesus... *gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.* **(Galatians 1:4)**

IN HIS PRESENCE

Paul is knitting together two aspects of the consummation of Jesus, that is the second coming.

One aspect is the glory, and the other aspect is the wrath that is to come—to live now in the meantime.

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. **(Colossians 1:28)**

...He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. **(Ephesians 5:27)**

Who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(1 Cor 1:8)**

Those outside His body the church, will face the wrath of God.

Paul's point is since you are now hidden/outside from the world, don't walk in the ways of the world anymore. (cf. v.5)

The evil now is in every direction around you. You are not going to escape the evil world of today. You are within it. It is everywhere, and you can't get away from it.

But the truth, shall set you free.

This is the truth that the Bible says: **you are dead to the evil world around you.**

Look past the lower dimension that such things are in. They have no authority over you and no power over you. They can't touch you.

You exist in a higher dimension.

FINALE?

There are two parts or two acts that need to happen.

The first act is to take off your old self, the old Adam, and the second is to put on the new man, Jesus.

So being DEAD, take off your Adam, that is your anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, dirty language, and lying.

Now alive in Christ, put Christ on with: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiving each other, and most of all, have love for each other.

This is the death and the life in Christ.

To live in Christ, to die is gain! **(Philippians 1:21)**

Paul told the small group of Colossians, to be united no matter where we are from or who we are. (cf. vv.8-9)

Christ is all and in all. (cf. v.11)

CONCLUSION
Right after Adam and Eve sinned, do you remember what they did next?

They hid themselves from the presence of the Lord.

Then the Lord came and called out to Adam, "Where are you?"

So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

This is what was in Adam's heart: FEAR. **He was a man who feared God. That's his inheritance for us.**

We all know deep down inside, it is our sin that condemns us, and it is our sin that brings us death.

We have sought life in the things that we have in this world We were dead to God, and He was dead to us.

We are fear driven people. Are you like this?

The Bible says, we have nothing to fear.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. **(1 John 4:18, NAS)**

The Lord God has come for us. To bring us back to life, so that we will never know death ever again. Because those of us in Christ are hidden in Him, and are always in His presence.

INVITATION
Do you want to be set free and live life in the presence of God and all His goodness, without fear?

Jesus said... *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."* **(John 11:25-26)**

Believe that Jesus is the LORD; He rules, He saves, and He gives life and we no longer need to fear death or anything in this world. In Him we are in a higher dimension, and have over come the world.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **(John 3:16)**

There is no fear in love.

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