

# Colossians 3:1-4 Life in Christ

Chapter 2 showed us that in Christ, God has done all the work necessary to give us a complete position. It is abundantly clear that we are now counted dead with Christ and subsequently risen with Him. If these things are true, then we ought not to live after the rudiments of the world, but rather after Christ who is our Head.

## 1. The sufficient work of Christ Jesus (Review)

- a. According to the mystery of Christ, you are complete in Him (Col 2:3, 2:10)
- b. This is because of the work that Christ accomplished on Calvary's cross (Col 2:14)
- c. "By the grace of God I am what I am..." True about who we are in Christ as well. (1 Cor 15:10)
- d. "Not by works of righteousness..." There is nothing about who we are in Christ that we contributed to. (Titus 3:5)
- e. You are identified into Christ's death and resurrection when you believe the preaching of the cross (Col 2:12-13)
- f. Crucified with Christ... nevertheless I live. (Gal 2:20)
  - i. Crucified: Col (2:11-12, 20)
  - ii. Life: Col (2:13, 3:1)

## 2. If ye then be risen... • Colossians 3:1-2

- a. Are you risen with Christ? If you are saved, yes.
- b. Is Christ the Head to which you hold? He should be. Seek things above, where your Head resides. (Col 2:19, Eph 1:22, Col 1:18)
- c. Set your affection on things above. You are seated in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph 2:6)
- d. Not on things on the earth. You are dead to the rudiments of the world. What matters now? Christ. (Col 2:20, Gal 6:14)

## 3. The hope of glory • Colossians 3:3-4

- a. Ye **are** dead. This is your standing. This is the only way you may walk in "newness of life". Reckon these things to be true. (Rom 6:11)
- b. Our life is hid with Christ. Do you see your eternal life? No. By faith you know you're living it. (Gal 2:20)
- c. Appearing with him in glory: this is our hope (directly tied to the mystery of Christ) we shall be glorified together with Him. (Col 1:27, Rom 8:17)
- d. When we meet Christ in the air. We will see Him. Until then, we walk by faith and not by sight. (1 Thess 4:13-18, 2 Cor 5:6-7)
- e. Glorify God in your body (because of what He's done). (1 Cor 6:19-20)