

Colossians Chapter 3 — by Ramon Osep

Vs. 1, 2 – The key of the whole chapter is found in these two verses

- **Raised with Christ** – We were dead in our transgressions. We now are rescued – we are saved eternally
- **We have a new identity in Christ**
- It is not found in in philosophies nor knowledge
- We praise the Creator – no creation
- Everything is new
- Put our faith in Jesus

- Since everything (not some things) have changed in you
- You live a different reality that is the power of Christ who is the power of your change or new life
- We glorify God not on special occasions or need to have festival feast to honor God.
- Our devotion to God is every day
- This is the new eternal reality
- I don't need something external to get me holy . It's Christ living in me

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- Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 10:12; Hebrews 12:2;**
- **1 Peter 3:22; Revelation 3:21;**
- **Vs. 2 – set your minds above - It means we are connected to Him**
- **Our home is in heaven**
- **Earthly things – worries, fear, doubts, ( reference vs. 5)**
- Earthly things' are not all evil \*, but some of them are. Even things that appear harmless in themselves become harmful if we allow to take the place for those reserved for the things above

- Vs. 3,4 – You die – Our world view changes completely when we obeyed the gospel
- I am now serving God with my life
- My life is hidden in Christ – I am connected with God – the Trinity
- I have a new identity
- Behavior modification: Change your mind – will change behavior
- The change occur from the inside out.
- Many self helps books written to help to fix you. The problem is we look at ourselves instead to look at God

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- Vs. 4 – Christ is the source of your life. When the radiance of Christ appears, we are going to be right there with HIM
- This is not a myth or fairy tale – it is new reality. On that day, all will see the saints of God for what they *really are*, not as they merely appear to this world. Everything will lay bear. What it matters is TBC
- Two concepts that we need to grasp
- -Justification: The blood of Christ wiped out every sin of our lives. The wrath of God was satisfied when JESUS died on the cross
- - Sanctification: What Christ continue doing to keep us righteous and holy. 1 John 1:7

- Vs. 5-9 – Put a new outfit which is the power for Christ. It is a lifestyle walking with Christ
- The idea is that you don't put on a tuxedo to do yard work. Neither a gown dress to clean the toilet
- You are careful when you wear a nice garment
- The desires of the flesh – I still have impure and evil desires.
- That is not who we are. We're holy
- I act on who I am
- I am resolved to live my new life. I am decisive and determined to be holy.
- Every Christian is faced with a question: "Who will I identify with, the world or with Jesus?"

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- Vs. 18-21 – Paul displays marriage in most of his letter. (Ephesians 5:22-24)
- Women back then had little rights – they could not own lands or own business
- Wives submit – it is not teaching that women are second in command or one person is most important than the other.
- Remember in Christ there is not ranks. He is the head. He is the Supreme being
- God gave this instruction – Man is the leader of the home
- Anyone who has served in the armed forces knows that 'rank' has to do with order and authority, not with value or ability- The idea of submission doesn't have anything to do with someone being smarter or better or more talented
- Submission as long does not violate Scriptures
- It is easy for a woman to be led by her husband when she knows she is loved.

- Love is not like Valentine's day – give a card and dinner. It is to value her – taking care of her.
- We don't get right every day, but we try to strive to become like Christ
- Children obey parents – Back to the parents do not create an environment that push children away. Being too harsh, too demanding, too controlling, unforgiving, or just plain angry
- Man under God; women under man; children under parents.
- Paul is not promoted Slavery. It's setting principles how to treat people who work under the supervision (master back then) of a boss.
- I'm not doing this job for my supervisor – I'm doing it for Christ- whatever is your profession. It is to please God not for a paycheck or receive a reward or a trophy