

The Christian Life
Col. IIIrd Chapter

Those who are risen with Christ are addressed here.

What is meant? It means that the new man has been put on. Made anew consists of knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness.

Do ye then be risen with Christ sit down and gird your hands saying "let others do it." or if ye then be risen with Christ lay up money on earth and hoard it to your selves for your own pleasure and security profit. Do ye then be risen with Christ hate your neighbors. Do not forgiving pay no attention to the poor and needy but only unto them "you are nothing to me, you can't hinder or hurt me." No that is not what it says. It does say, "Do ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

What are the things at the right hand of God? The things above? Well Jesus is there so there is righteousness above. There must be joy there. There must be peace there. All that is good - the very essence of all that is good is there. Be as Christ and be exhorted to seek these things.

We are to have the upward look. The upward look is always toward Christ when we look upward Jesus is the center of our vision. If we look at the storms around us - the things around us we are going under the waves as did Peter when he took his eyes off of Christ you mount your life like to look at a part and you are likely to hit it. Keep your eyes on Christ and people will acclaim you as Peter.

He goes a step further in the works of
the year with Christ and says
"set your affections on things above not
on things of the earth."

you die to him and when ye are dead
to yourself you are hid with Christ in God.
you have disappeared as the old self that
you were and have become covered
with Christ and so identified with
him that when he who is our life shall ap-
pear you also shall appear with him in
his glory. you are hid with him here and
death will not sever the relation.

not only seek the things above and set
your affections upon them but also mortify
your members - Take power from them. Fornit-
cation, uncleanness, inordinate affection etc.
this is list number one.

list number two. anger, wrath, malice,
blasphemy, filthy communication of your
mouth. lie not to one another.

with this new man the "caste" system
goes. there is neither Jew nor Greek Barbarian
nor Scythian bond nor free but Christ is
all and in all.

when you are distressed by all these
things you are to dress up in a new suit
of clothes. He says, "put on therefore bowels of
mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, long
suffering, forbearing and forgiving one
another."

we are to be ready to forgive and anx-
ious to forgive. But we are not to forgive
after people have asked it of us. no man
is going to be forgiven who does not de-
mand it enough to ask it.

this is a mighty nice suit of clothes,
bowels of mercies (our tenderest feelings enter-
ing in) kindness, humbleness of mind meek-
ness etc. It seems that this would be

enough. But he says "above all these things - these ornaments if you please, put on love - which is the bond of perfectness" that is love is the gift which binds all these virtues close to us. and with out it all those things will be a very loose fit.

The psalmist said "thy word have I trust in my heart that I may not sin against thee" Paul takes that up here and says "let the word of christ dwell richly in you" "being with you in your hearts"

when Jesus is in you the whole family gets along. wives, husbands, children, - & servants.

now we come to the driving of the works of a Christian. "and whatever ever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men." For the reward comes from Christ.

perfection service is despised by every one. Do with whole heart

Too much is done for what man will say and think. whatever ye do to any body do it with the Lord in view.

