

The New Life In Christ

Colossians 3:1-2

Context

Colossians 1:1-2 "Saints" ... "Faithful brethren."

Colossians 1:13-14 Those in the kingdom ...

Colossians 2:12-13 "having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead."

"And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, (I say), did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses."

■ *cf. Romans 6:3-4*

Context

- *Colossians 3:1 "seek the things that are above"*
- *Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on the things that are above"*
- *Colossians 3:3 WHY? "For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (cf. Galatians 2:20)*
- *Colossians 3:5 "Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth ..."*
- *Colossians 3:8-10 "Put them all away ..."*

Things Those Who Are Raised With Christ Should Do...

"Seek" those things which are above.

"to seek in order to find" (Thayer).

- Christ came to "seek and to save" that which was lost. Luke 19:10; cf. Luke 15:8

- *"Things above"* spiritual things.
- *"Where Christ is ..."* place of authority.

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What is "above" that should hold our affection?

- God:
 - The Father – giver of every perfect gift. James 1:17
 - First loved us – 1 John 4:10 ... gave His Son. John 3:16
- Christ:
 - Loved us – gave himself. Titus 2:14
 - Lived in the flesh – gave us an example. 1 Peter 2:21, 22
 - Mediator – 1 Timothy 2:5
 - Ever lives – makes intercession. Hebrews 7:22
 - Coming in glory – We will be glorified. Colossians 3:4
- Holy Spirit:
 - Revealed truth. 1 Corinthians 2:10
 - Inspired men who wrote it. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Leads us. Romans 8:14-16

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"... Not on the things that are upon the earth."

- Context: Fleshly sins
- Reason:
 - You are dead to that way of life. Colossians 3:3; cf. 2:13
 - Christ is coming again: *"then shall ye also appear with him in glory."* Colossians 3:4 KJV

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"Fornication" (*porneia*) – A general term for any illicit sexual intercourse; includes adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality

"Uncleanness" – the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living

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"Passion" "inordinate affection" (KJV) (*pathos*)
Used by the Greeks in either a good or bad sense; in the NT in a bad sense, it means depraved passion, vile passions. cf. Romans 1:24,26

"Evil desire" (*epithumia*) Desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust . cf. Joseph

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"Covetousness, which is idolatry" – Greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice. cf. Luke 12:15

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Motivation: Colossians 3:6-7

- The coming **"wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience."** cf. *Romans 1:18; 5:9; Ephesians 5:6*
- You **"lived in them"** but in Christ we have **"died to them!"**

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Sins of the "emotions."

Anger (*orge*) Movement or agitation of the soul, impulse, desire, any violent emotion, but esp. anger, lasting in nature.

Proverbs 16:32 "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city."

Ecclesiastes 7:9 "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

Ephesians 4:26 "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

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Wrath (*thumos*) Passion, anger boiling up suddenly and soon subsiding again.

Proverbs 27:3-4 "A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; But a fool's vexation is heavier than they both. Wrath is cruel ..."

Hurts the one who holds it. Job 5:2; James 1:19-20

Hurts other people. Proverbs 30:33; 15:18

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Malice (kakia) Malignity, malice, ill-will, desire to injure.

To be laid aside. 1 Peter 2:1; Ephesians 4:31

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Sins of the "tongue."

"Ye Know This..." James 1:19

- *"The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver" (Proverbs 10:20).*
- *"Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips" (Psalms 141:3).*
- *"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23).*
- *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).*

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- *"In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely" (Proverbs 10:19).*
- *"He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3).*
- *"Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him" (Proverbs 29:20).*
- *"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but a grievous word stireth up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).*
- *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).*

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Sins of the "tongue." Matthew 12:36

Blasphemy (blasphemia) Slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another's good name; impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty. cf. James 3

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Filthy language (aischrologia) Foul speaking, low and obscene speech. Ephesians 4:29; 5:4

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"Lying" (pseudomai) To lie, to speak deliberate falsehoods; to deceive one by a lie, to lie to

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"
(*Exodus 20:16*).

"Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah ..." (*Proverbs 12:22*).

God hates "... a lying tongue" (*Proverbs 6:17*).

"Lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings" (*Colossians 3:9*).

"...All liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone ..." (*Revelation 21:8*).

Conclusion

- New man is "renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him."
Colossians 3:10; cf. Ephesians 4:22-24;
Romans 12:1-2; cf. Galatians 4:19