

Colossians Class Schedule

18	6/2/2019	2:11 -12	He Is the Solution to Our Sin Nature
19	6/9/2019	2:13 - 15	Our Former Condition, Present Union & Forgiveness
20	6/16/2019	2:16 - 19	Remaining Free of Legalism & False Spirituality
21	6/23/2019	2:20 - 23	Remaining Free of Asceticism
22	6/30/2019		Chp 2 Review
23	7/7/2019	3:1 -2	Raised up with Christ
24	7/14/2019	3:3 - 4	Hidden with Christ in God
25	7/21/2019	3:5 - 7	Members of Earthly body are Dead
26	7/28/2019	3:8 - 11	Old Self Put Off and New Self Put On
27	8/4/2019	3:12 - 14	The attitude of those chosen of God

Colossians 3:1- 4

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What happened to us here ?

Christ's
Death

Our
Co-Death

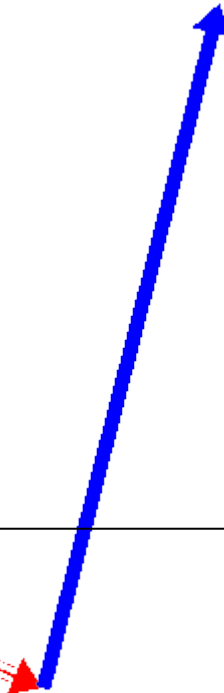


Christ
Raised

Our
Co-Resurrection

Christ
Buried

Our
Co-Burial



Outline*

Recognizing Our Position in Christ 3:1-4

a. Union with Christ: **Its Features**

Our Position Relative to the Past

you have died v:3 and you have been raised v:1

Our Position Relative to the Present

your life is hidden v:3

Our Position Relative to the Future

you also will be revealed v:4

b. Union with Christ: **Our Mental Focus**

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(you) set your mind on the things above V:2

Remember from Chp 1

Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are*
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to the saints and faithful brethren **in Christ**

What does this prepositional phrase mean?

in – en - a primary preposition denoting (fixed) *position*
(in place, time or state)

Grammatically, the designation Christ is in the locative case; and it would therefore be correct to say “in union with Christ.”

McCalley

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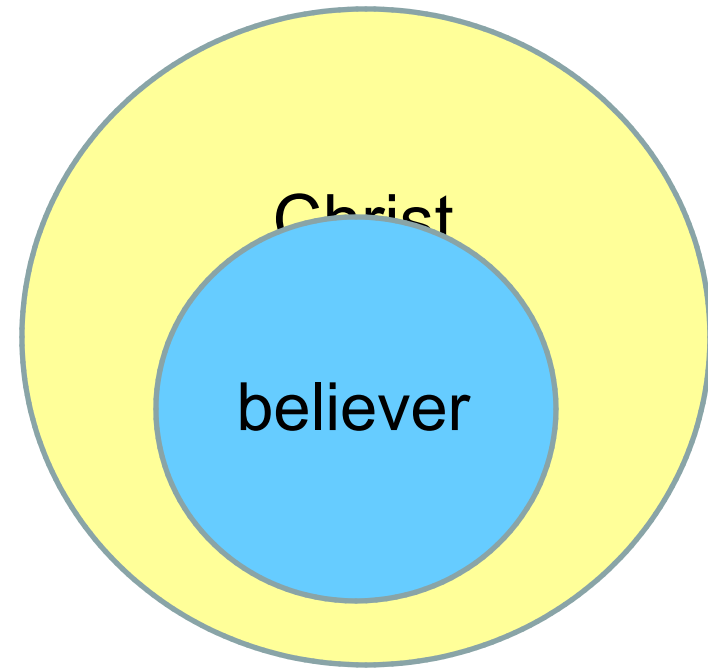
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lit: in “a living union” with Christ

The prepositional phrase “in Christ” is the most fundamental expression in the New Testament for what it means to be a Christian.

This phrase was a favorite of Paul's.

These “in Christ” statements about believers are called the positional truths.



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v:1b

(you) keep seeking
the things above



- **seeking** - to desire, carries the sense of making an examination
- does not imply something that is trying to elude us (McCalley)
- Matt. 6:33
- Why keep seeking ?

v:1b

(you) keep seeking
the things above

- “the things above” ?
- Who Christ is
 - person - John 1:1,14
 - work: died for all sins and died unto the sin nature
- Who we are in Him
 - living union with Him
 - riches of His grace (see next chart)

Riches of God's Grace* in Ephesians

Chapter 1

Possessing Every Spiritual Blessing – Eph 1:3

In the Eternal Plan of God - Chosen – Eph 1:4

Children of God – Sons of God – Eph 1:5

Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ - Made Accepted- Eph 1:6

Redeemed – Eph 1:7

Forgiven all Trespasses – Eph 1:7

In the Eternal Plan of God – Predestined – Eph 1:11

Blessed with the Earnest or First-Fruits of the Spirit – Eph 1:14

His Inheritance - Eph 1:18

Within the Much More Care of God – His Power - Eph 1:19

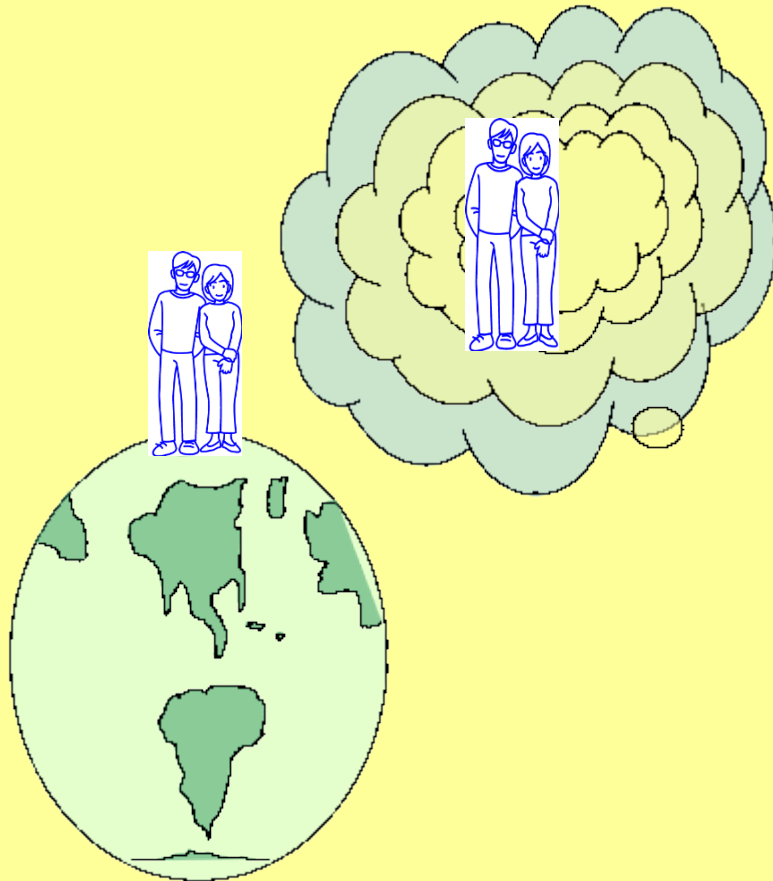
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(you) Set your mind
on the things above

- Set your mind on
- Lit: think about
- the idea is “to direct one’s mind”
- see the following verse – Rom 8:5
- the object is to be “things above”
- first seeking then setting your mind

v:2b

not on the things
that are on earth



- not (setting your mind)
- the things on earth
- verse Phil 3:17-21
- contrast between “things above” vs. “things on earth”
- 1 John 2:15-17

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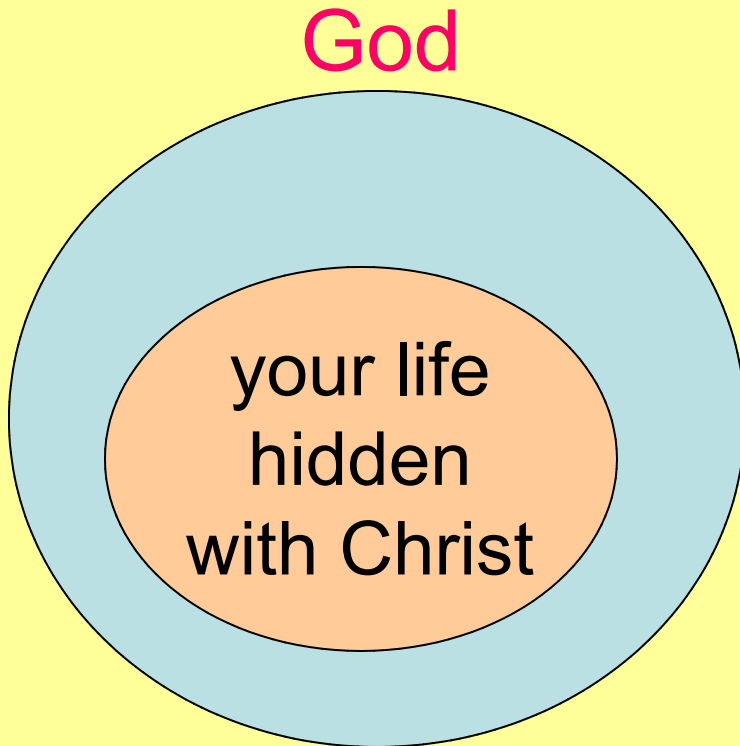
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For you have died

- **For** - expressing the reason for what has gone before
- **you have died** – past point fact
- Why did you die ?
- separated from your sin nature
- freed from your sin nature
- When did you die ?

v:3b

and your life is
hidden with Christ
in God



- your life is hidden
- What life ?
- What does hidden mean ?
- hidden - to cover up, to be hidden in something
- with Christ in God
- John 17:21-24

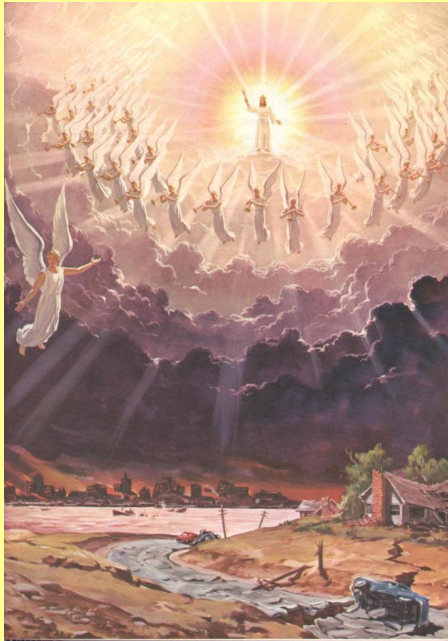
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When Christ, who is
our life

- Christ who is our life
- Lit: Christ the life of you
- How do we know that Christ is our life
- Gal 2:20
- Phil 1:21
- Rom 6:4

v:4b

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- **revealed** - to become visible, show openly
- **Christ is revealed**
- **When ?**
- you will be revealed with Him in glory
- Rev 19:11-14